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Migrants are sent back across the Rio Grande near El Paso by Texas National Guard members on May 13 to go to an official entry point.

End of Title 42 changes calculus of migrants at southern border

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ AND DANIELLE VILLASANA
IN CIUDAD JUÁREZ, MEXICO

The night after the U.S. pandemic-era expulsion order expired, the Southwest border grew quiet. This was the perfect opportunity, Gerber Callejas reasoned, to grab his wife, young son and the few belongings they possessed after fleeing El Salvador and walk across the international bridge to ask for asylum.

Callejas had prayed for the end of Title 42 restrictions, which denied most migrants crossing the border irregularly the opportunity to make claims for protection. He had tried to book an appointment with immigration officials through the new U.S. Customs and Border Protection app, but it repeatedly spit out error messages. For nearly six months, Callejas's family had languished in Ciudad Juárez while waiting for a chance to enter the United States.

When the family reached the U.S. entry point, officials prioritized the nearly 100 people in line with appointments. But the family was determined to wait. The night grew long and temperatures dipped. Mexican officials began urging them to leave. They refused.

For Callejas, Juárez was a city every bit as dangerous as the homeland he left behind. In El Salvador, criminals had stalked and threatened him after demanding extortion fees he refused to pay, he said. In Mexico, his family had been kidnapped shortly after arriving at the border. They were freed after paying a ransom and were left on the streets, where they were routinely hungry, sick and without a roof over their heads.

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Senate approves debt ceiling bill, averts U.S. default

BIDEN IS SET TO SIGN AHEAD OF DEADLINE

Several late amendments defeated before 63-36 vote

BY RACHEL SIEGEL, MARIANNE LEVINE, JOHN WAGNER AND LEIGH ANN CALDWELL

The Senate late Thursday night passed a bipartisan bill to suspend the debt ceiling and curb federal spending, sending the legislation to President Biden to sign into law in time to avert an unprecedented U.S. government default.

The deal cleared the House on Wednesday night and is now on track to take effect by Monday, when the government would no longer be able to pay all of its bills without borrowing more money.

Senators scrambled to vote before the weekend, even as a handful of frustrated lawmakers pushed for votes on amendments that risked slowing the process.

None of the amendments were adopted. But in an effort to alleviate concerns from defense hawks that the debt ceiling bill would restrict Pentagon spending too much, Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) issued a joint statement saying the "debt ceiling deal does nothing to limit the Senate's ability to appropriate emer-

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Biden, McCarthy arise stronger from the scrum

Leaders trumpet wins for their sides, defy skeptics with dealmaking abilities

BY TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA

President Biden entered the debt ceiling standoff at risk of becoming the first president to allow an economically catastrophic default on his watch. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy went into the talks facing whispers that a failure to appease his hard-right members would result in a swift and embarrassing end to his months-old speakership.

The deal the two leaders reached, which cleared the House in a bipartisan 314-117 vote on Wednesday evening, allowed Biden and McCarthy (R-Calif.) to avoid those worst-case scenarios and lay claim to a measure of victory. With an agreement that garnered more votes than condemnation from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, McCarthy and Biden each noted that they had defied the skeptics and sought to declare themselves triumphant.

"We're going to deal with the debt ceiling," Biden said Wednesday afternoon, expressing a sense of confidence before the vote. "I think things are going as

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Iran looks to escalate attacks on U.S. in Syria

BY JOBY WARRICK AND EVAN HILL

Iran is arming militants in Syria for a new phase of lethal attacks against U.S. troops in the country, while also working with Russia on a broader strategy to drive Americans from the region, intelligence officials and leaked classified documents say.

Iran and its allies are building and training forces to use more powerful armor-piercing roadside bombs intended specifically to target U.S. military vehicles and kill U.S. personnel, according to classified intelligence reports obtained by The Washington Post. Such attacks would constitute an escalation of Iran's long-running campaign of using proxy militias to launch rocket and drone strikes on U.S. forces in Syria.

Drone attacks have wounded six U.S. service members and killed a Defense Department contractor, and the new explosive devices could add to the toll of

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In Kyiv, a locked door thwarts a dash to safety

Pleas outside a shelter go unanswered, missiles burst, death prevails



SASHA MASLOV FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Residents in a Kyiv apartment building damaged in a Thursday missile attack, which Ukraine's military said it intercepted but that nevertheless left a reported three deaths and 12 injuries.

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT AND KOSTIANTYN KHUDOV
IN KYIV, UKRAINE

When the air raid alarm blared across Ukraine's capital at 2:49 a.m. Thursday, Yaroslav Riabchuk and his wife and daughter rushed outside to find shelter, as they often did, in the nearest basement: a medical clinic in front of their apartment building.

But on this morning, for some reason, the clinic's doors were locked.

In the darkness, a group of 10 families with children banged on the doors with their hands and feet, pleading to be let inside, Riabchuk said. He ran to the other side of the building to find another entrance. Then he felt the blast.

Ukraine's air defenses had intercepted an attack, and the explosive force was powerful enough to blow out the windows of nearby apartment buildings. Debris crashed down around the clinic.

"It was chaos. My daughter was screaming. Everyone was

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Lack of water could dry up Phoenix area's growth

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW, YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ AND ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER

There is not enough groundwater underneath the Phoenix metropolitan area to meet projected demands over the next century, a finding that could threaten the current home-building boom in outer suburbs that are among the fastest growing parts of the United States, according to an analysis of the groundwater supply released Thursday.

The report from the Arizona Department of Water Resources amounts to a chilling warning for the nation's fifth-largest city and a metropolitan area with more than 5 million people that has been a development hot spot for new residents and high-tech businesses. In Phoenix's peripheral areas, subdivisions have spread through the desert on a massive scale and hundreds of thousands more homes are planned. The study means that plans for future housing developments that rely solely

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• A photo caption with a May 30 Metro article about six-time spelling bee contestant Akash Vukoti misstated his hometown. He lives in San Angelo, Tex., not San Marcos.

• The Barry Svrluga column in the May 26 Sports section, about the LIV Golf series, incorrectly said that golfer Patrick Reed "bailed" on a scheduled charity event in the District. The event was canceled because of scheduling conflicts, and Reed donated equipment to the charity.

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Phoenix area facing water shortage, report warns

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on groundwater — in outlying areas that have not yet verified their long-term water supply — could not move forward.

And as the climate gets hotter and drier in the West, and major water sources such as the Colorado River diminish, dwindling supplies of groundwater as outlined in the new report could portend a vastly different future than the one residents in the Southwest have come to expect.

The long-awaited report, announced by Gov. Katie Hobbs (D), projects that about 4 percent of the demand for groundwater, or 4.9 million acre-feet of water, will not be met over the next 100 years without further action.

Terry Goddard, a former Phoenix mayor, said the message of Thursday's study is: "You're living on borrowed water."

"You need to be conscious of every drop," he said. "You can't build unless you know exactly where the water is coming from."

To build a subdivision in much of Arizona, developers must show they have enough water to last 100 years. Phoenix and many of the cities around it, such as Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert and Goodyear, already have been designated by the state as having such "assured" water supplies that meet this threshold. But many places in Phoenix's outer ring that have been growing at a breakneck pace do not have these designations and this report has the potential to complicate future development in those areas.

In those areas — such as Queen Creek, Buckeye and others — there is still an ample pipeline of roughly 80,000 homes that have been approved for future development. But new projects based solely on groundwater in such areas would not be able to get approval to build.

To solve this problem, the town of Queen Creek, east of Phoenix, has been racing to import water from elsewhere in the state in an attempt to secure future supplies and satisfy its rapid growth. The town spent $27 million to buy Colorado River water from a farm in far western Arizona, which it expects to start arriving this month. And it made another $30 million deal for groundwater rights from the Harquahala Valley — but that water is still a long way from being ready to deliver, said Paul Gardner, the town's water resource director. And prices for these distant supplies are only going up.

Gardner said Queen Creek has about 10,000 lots that are ready to build and won't be impacted by any new assessments of the groundwater supply. But future projects, and a portion of current planned developments that don't yet have their water certifications, could face problems, he said.

"You're still looking out your backyard going . . . we're building a lot of homes,'" Gardner said. "But if you're the guy that doesn't have it, yeah, that's a big impact on you."

He said there are five landowners in Queen Creek — with plans to build some 6,000 homes — who are in this situation.

One of them is Dan Reeb, a developer and sixth generation Arizonan, who owns hundreds of acres in Queen Creek that has yet to be developed.

Reeb is optimistic about Phoenix's long-term ability to manage its water shortages, but he believes the cost will rise to secure these supplies — something that could add $15,000 to $25,000 to the price of a home on average.

"Arizona has gotten very good at stamping out four-bed, two-and-a-half bath, three-car garage [homes], and a great job to go with it," Reeb said. But at a time of increasing water scarcity, "it's not going to be as inexpensive and simple as it has been for the last 50 years of phenomenal growth."

"I think Phoenix metro is going to add another million people here, believe it or not," Reeb added. "Beyond that, it will start to become an issue."

The Arizona Department of Water Resources has issued these types of findings before in other areas around Phoenix. In 2019, a study of Pinal County's water management area, to the southeast of the city, found it was short 8 million acre-feet of groundwater, or about 10 percent of what was needed, to meet its demands over the next century. In January, Hobbs released another groundwater report that found a deficit over 100 years in an area west of Phoenix known as the Hassayampa sub-basin, which supplies the fast-growing Buckeye area. One acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons of water.

That determination has already resulted in major disruptions to the building industry, as large projects in these western suburbs have been halted until they can prove water supplies, according to building industry officials.

"We lost $1 billion," said one Phoenix building industry official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to talk candidly. "We had planned for over 100,000 to 150,000 homes in the Hassayampa basin that are all on hold."

Out in this swath of Sonoran Desert, dotted with saguaro cactus and backed by rocky peaks, the fate of massive housing developments are now in question. The biggest, known as Teravalis, is expected to encompass some 100,000 homes spanning 37,000 acres. If built, it would become the state's largest planned community. But most of that property does not yet have the water approvals it needs to build.

Following the governor's announcement Thursday, a spokesperson for the developer, Howard Hughes Corp., said the company remained committed to the project, starting with the construction of roughly 7,000 homes for which it has received approval.

Buckeye, where the development is located, has jumped into the pricey water market. It recently struck an $80 million deal to purchase groundwater rights in a rural stretch of the state specifically designated for water transfers. And in response to the state's January groundwater study, Buckeye issued a statement tamping down concern about its water supply.

"Buckeye's water future is secure," the city said.

Arizona's renewed focus on defending its 100-year water supply is putting pressure on cities in greater Phoenix to scrutinize development more closely.

"That's what every city is grappling with," said Mark Freeman, a farmer and city council member in Mesa, just east of Phoenix.

But the problem is not distributed evenly around the region. Cities have vastly different water portfolios and rely to varying degrees on groundwater, the Colorado River or surplus water stored in underground facilities, said Warren Tenney, executive director of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, which represents 10 Phoenix-area cities.

Cities in that network "have invested billions in water resources and water infrastructure so they're not solely reliant on groundwater," he said.

But newer communities on the outskirts of Phoenix sometimes have few other options besides sucking down the underground aquifers. On Thursday, Hobbs was reassuring about the state of Phoenix's water supply and its future prospects.

"We are not running out of water and we will not be running out of water," she told a news conference, while adding that, "we have to close this gap and find efficiencies in our water use."



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If built, the Teravalis planned community in Buckeye, Ariz., would become the state's largest, with some 100,000 homes spanning 37,000 acres. But most of the site doesn't have water approvals.

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EDUCATION

Senate votes to reject student loan relief

The Senate on Thursday approved a Republican-led resolution to strike down President Biden's divisive plan to forgive more than $400 billion in student loans.

The 52-46 vote, arriving a week after the House passed the measure and as the Supreme Court considers the legality of the relief plan, also would restart loan payments for tens of millions of borrowers that have been on pause since early in the coronavirus pandemic. The resolution also would prevent the Education Department from pursuing similar policies in the future.

While Biden has promised to veto the bill, the vote in the Senate, in which two Democrats and an independent sided with Republicans, shows the divisiveness of the policy and the difficulty of getting any future plan through Congress.

Unveiled in August, Biden's loan forgiveness plan would eliminate up to $10,000 of federal student debt for borrowers earning up to $125,000 annually, or up to $250,000 for married couples. Recipients of Pell Grants, a form of financial aid for low- and middle-income students, are eligible for an additional $10,000 in forgiveness.

The program has faced many legal challenges, and the Supreme Court is set to issue a ruling on its legality before the end of June.

— Danielle Douglas-Gabriel

Governor raises gay pride flag over Wisconsin Capitol: A gay pride flag rose over the Wisconsin Capitol on Thursday in a sign of support for the LGBTQ+ community as it weathers heightened attacks from conservatives across the country. Gov. Tony Evers (D) ordered the flag raised during a noon ceremony. The flag will fly over the Capitol throughout the month of June in recognition of Pride month below the U.S. and the Wisconsin state flag.

— Associated Press

Biden plans to pick the former N.C. secretary of health to lead the CDC

BY DAN DIAMOND AND LENA H. SUN

President Biden plans to select former North Carolina health secretary Mandy Cohen to lead the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to three people with direct knowledge of the pending announcement.

Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra spoke with Cohen this week to congratulate her on her selection, the people said. Biden's formal announcement is expected later this month, after White House officials finalize Cohen's paperwork, the people said.

Cohen would replace Rochelle Walensky, who is stepping down June 30 as head of the sprawling agency that for decades was touted as a model for global public health but has come under fire for its slow response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The three people spoke with The Washington Post on the condition of anonymity so as not to get ahead of the White House on a personnel matter. Neither the White House nor Cohen responded to requests for comment.

Cohen, a Yale- and Harvard-trained internal medicine physician and public health expert who is now a health-care executive, worked closely with White House Chief of Staff Jeff Zients and other senior Biden administration officials during the Obama administration.

The next CDC director faces enormous challenges: reforming a sprawling agency to make it more responsive to the next pandemic and communicating the latest science on public health threats to Americans at a time of extreme political divisions and fading trust in government.

"A tall order for even the most talented of leaders," said Tom Inglesby, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, who co-wrote a report on how to improve the CDC's operations and pandemic response.

The position of CDC director does not require Senate confirmation, but the agency's next leader will face close scrutiny from Congress.

House Republicans, who have launched a flurry of probes into the beleaguered agency, on Wednesday announced a hearing next week intended to address what they characterized as the "CDC's failures in fulfilling its mission."

The CDC "has broken the American people's trust through its mismanagement of recent responses, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) and H. Morgan Griffith (R-Va.) said in a statement. Republicans also have targeted the agency's pandemic guidance, saying the CDC moved too slowly to encourage the return of in-person school.

Walensky last year announced that the CDC would overhaul its operations in an attempt to make the 13,000-person agency more nimble and accountable. She established a center for forecasting and outbreak analytics to provide better, faster information about what was likely to happen next in the coronavirus public health emergency and in future disease outbreaks. She took steps to modernize data and improve the public health workforce. The fate of those efforts has been unclear since Walensky announced her resignation last month, and as CDC director, Cohen could choose a different direction.

Meanwhile, some of the agency's most pressing needs, such as greater authority to mandate state data reporting to the CDC, require action from Congress.

Unlike Walensky — an infectious-disease doctor who had never held a government leadership role — Cohen would arrive at the CDC with considerable experience at the federal and state levels. She served in the Obama administration as a senior official at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), where she helped oversee federal health insurance programs that provided health coverage to more than 140 million people. She later served as North Carolina's health secretary for nearly five years, where she helped roll out the state's Medicaid managed-care program and forged alliances with Republicans who controlled the state legislature, laying the groundwork for North Carolina to expand Medicaid after a contentious decade-long battle.

Cohen also steered the state's covid response in 2020 and 2021, arguing that North Carolina adopted tactics — such as a daily focus on transparency — that could be copied by other agencies to build public confidence in health care.

"Trust was not built at the national level, but I know trust was built in North Carolina," Cohen said in a speech last month, touting how the use of data dashboards and regular news conferences helped boost confidence in the state's covid response.

Public health experts on Thursday hailed Cohen's planned selection, crediting her management experience and ability to translate public health information to broader audiences.

Cohen can "take the wonky stuff and make it work on the ground," said Anne Zink, Alaska's chief medical officer and president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

Some of the CDC's fiercest critics also held their fire. Jay Bhattacharya, a Stanford professor of medicine who has advised Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) on his state's covid response, called Cohen's planned selection "maybe a hopeful sign" in a tweet, citing her efforts to reopen schools in North Carolina in 2020.

Cohen also has close ties to several senior Biden administration officials. As a young physician, she worked with Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy to co-found Doctors for Obama, a group that initially campaigned for Barack Obama in 2008 and later broadened its focus, under the new name Doctors for America, to champion the Affordable Care Act, Obama's signature health law. Cohen also forged a relationship in 2013 with Zients, who oversaw efforts to repair Healthcare.gov after the disastrous rollout of the government website for Americans to shop for health insurance.

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Florida intensifies oversight of property insurance firms

New law requires a more transparent process for groups handling claims

BY BRIANNA SACKS

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) signed a law Wednesday that aims to hold property insurance companies more accountable for claims-handling practices by requiring more transparency with their processes, increasing fines for violating laws, and giving the state's regulatory bodies additional powers to investigate allegations of bad behavior in a market that has been teetering toward collapse for years.

The Insurer Accountability Act, a rare bipartisan effort introduced by Republicans, stands in stark contrast to a recent number of pro-insurer restructurings over the past year, including making it harder for homeowners to take legal action against their carriers. Annual premiums have also dramatically increased statewide.

State Sen. Travis Hutson (R), who sponsored the bill DeSantis signed Wednesday, said lawmakers wanted to bring more "balance" and oversight to Florida's insurance industry, which has traditionally wielded political power in Tallahassee.

Watchdog organizations and critics said the industry's lobbyists and political donations have strongly influenced past legislation and lax oversight by state regulators.

Aspects of the new law, such as preventing carriers from altering policyholders' estimates without detailing the changes, were influenced by a Washington Post investigation, according to Hutson.

The legislation was introduced after the investigation detailed how carriers were drastically altering Hurricane Ian claims by erasing and lowering damage estimates without the adjuster's knowledge or permission.

The law, which takes effect July 1, includes new and strengthened requirements for more transparent claims-handling practices, specifically prohibiting companies from altering adjusters' reports without detailing why they lowered policyholders' estimates and who made those changes. Carriers now have to keep a list of edits or retain all versions of the report for regulatory purposes. To ensure they are complying with the state's insurance code, insurers must also submit their claims handling instructions to Florida regulators. Financially flailing or insolvent companies can't solicit or accept new policies, and executives, officers and directors of these failing companies can no longer get bonuses, according to the law.

"We want more transparency,



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A sign related to insurance issues in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., in January. State Sen. Travis Hutson, the sponsor of the legislation, said the goal is to see more "oversight and accountability of bad actors."

oversight and accountability of bad actors," Hutson said. "If carriers are purposefully hurting the insured, we want to know about it."

The new law requires the state's regulatory bodies, the Office of Insurance Regulation and Department of Financial Services, which have long been accused of not holding insurers accountable, to produce annual and quarterly reports to show they have enforced laws and regulations. It also gives the bodies resources to hire staff to better regulate the industry and to fine insurers more for violating laws.

In response to The Post's investigation, the Department of Financial Services has said it is investigating allegations and "interviewed witnesses and collected thousands of documents of evidence." Their probe is still open and ongoing.

The Insurance Information Institute, a research and communications nonprofit for the industry, said in a statement that the law was a response to constituent feedback about previous bills being "too insurer-focused." The bill signed Wednesday is "consumer-focused and provides stricter oversight of the insurance industry by the state regulator, modeled after best practices we see in many other states."

The version of the bill that became law lost some significant provisions in the legislative process, including requiring insurance companies to report their financial health and the amount of money and dividends paid to their parent companies and subsidiaries — something not required in Florida. Consumer advocates have also said that the law does not go far enough to crack down on insurance companies and does not mandate the level of state enforcement they believe is needed.

State Rep. Hillary Cassel, a Democrat on the Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery subcommittee and attorney who has represented families against insurance companies, said that everything in the new law is still "a may, not a must."

"Nothing in this law says they must impose fines, they must do additional audits, they must have transparency with insurance companies' financials," Cassel said. "The goal is to protect consumers and we will never reach that goal if the people in charge of insurance regulation is bought and paid for by the insurance company and are able to turn a blind eye and not look at the real problem."

Official targeted in Ariz. won't run for reelection

Republican Gates says he's focused on getting through 2024 vote

BY YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ

PHOENIX — After facing an onslaught of harassment and violent threats for certifying the results of the 2020 election, a Republican on the governing board of Arizona's largest county will not seek reelection during the 2024 cycle.

Bill Gates, a longtime conservative and Harvard-educated attorney, told The Washington Post he intends to serve his term through the end of 2024 and carry out the election-related duties that come with it.

In an interview and prepared statement, he said he was proud of his time in office and thanked county workers.

"At Maricopa County, I kept government lean, taxes low, supported our most vulnerable residents, and told the truth about our elections in the face of false information," his statement said. "My will to fight for the truth remains unhindered, and I look forward to Maricopa County running the 2024 election."

He did not directly cite the prolonged attacks against him, his wife and three daughters as the basis for his decision to not pursue another four-year term to represent the county. The threats, doxing and online harassment that began during the pandemic and continue today have at times caused him and his family to flee their home.

In May 2021, Gates sought professional help from a therapist and, soon after, learned he was experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, triggered by the strain of his public fight against falsehoods about the county's election-related work.

"I'm at peace with this," he told The Post. "And we're at peace with this as a family."

Gates's departure after serving two full terms on the board reflects the dominance of the election-denying movement in Arizona, led by Republican Kari Lake. The former gubernatorial candidate, who was backed by former president Donald Trump, lost the general election in 2022 to Democrat Katie Hobbs. She continues to blame county leaders for her defeat and has spread misinformation about them. Lake has not proved her assertions in court.

Some printers at some voting locations in Maricopa County malfunctioned during the 2022 midterm elections, again bringing scrutiny on the county. An independent review concluded that while some voters were inconvenienced, no one was deprived of the right to vote.

Gates's decision also adds a high-profile name to the exodus of local election officers across the nation who have left their posts or have passed on reelection campaigns amid attacks. Inspired by Trump, many GOP candidates and activists in Arizona have spent years undermining confidence in voting systems by parroting baseless conspiracy theories and manufacturing their own.

All five members of the county board are up for reelection in 2024. The three other Republicans — all moderates — could face primary fights from the right, should they decide to seek reelection.

After last year's midterm elections, some GOP activists clamored to recall Gates, but it is unclear how successful the signature-gathering efforts have been. A previous effort to recall him and other supervisors over their support of a pandemic-era mask mandate and their approval of the 2020 election results failed.

Gates began his political career in 2009 when he won an appointment to the Phoenix City Council after running election-integrity operations for the state Republican Party. Though he bemoans the toxic political environment and the divisiveness within his party, he hinted at a desire to remain in politics.

"I ... told the truth about our elections in the face of false information. My will to fight for the truth remains unhindered."

Bill Gates,
a member of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

Asked whether he was considering a different elected post, he replied: "At this point, I'm not ruling anything out. I'm most interested in this current job and getting through 2024."

As he helps the county prepare for another election, Gates wants stronger protections for election officials and more federal funding to help them recruit and train poll workers, bolster cybersecurity measures, install security cameras and more. He is joining a bipartisan group of election workers in D.C. next week to urge the White House, members of Congress, the Justice Department and the Department of Homeland Security to advocate for the funding and protections as part of an effort by Issue One, an organization that advocates for issues of democracy and more regulation of money in politics.

Justices side with firm that sued striking workers

Decision is a setback for labor and could increase union liability

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday for a company that alleges striking workers conspired to damage its property, the latest setback for organized labor at the high court and one that could make unions more liable for economic losses attributable to work stoppages.

The court's 8-1 opinion was written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who said that the actions of striking truck drivers at Glacier Northwest concrete company in Washington state were not protected by the National Labor Relations Act, the 1935 statute that governs collective bargaining.

That statute requires unions to take reasonable precautions to protect an employer's property when workers go on strike. In this case, Barrett wrote, "the Union took affirmative steps to endanger Glacier's property . . . the NLRA does not arguably protect its conduct."

Drivers walked off the job at Glacier after their trucks had been filled with wet concrete, causing what Barrett said was a "mad scramble" to protect the trucks and dispose of the rapidly hardening material. She said the company only created the concrete because the drivers pretended they would deliver it.

Two of the court's three liberals, who often side with organized labor, agreed with Barrett's ruling. The third, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, issued a solo dissent, notable for a first-term member of the court.

Jackson, whose disagreement ran twice as long as the majority opinion, said the ruling threatens to "erode the right to strike." Unions, she wrote, have no duty to make sure a company will not suffer economic losses when a strike decision is made.

"Workers are not indentured servants, bound to continue laboring until any planned work stoppage would be as painless as possible for their master," Jackson wrote. "They are employees whose collective and peaceful decision to withhold their labor is protected by the NLRA even if economic injury results."

Although Barrett's opinion occupied ground between Jackson and a broader ruling desired by the court's most conservative justices, the union that represents Glacier workers blasted the decision by what it called the "political hacks at the Supreme Court."

"These corruptible justices should be ashamed of themselves," Teamsters General President Sean M. O'Brien said in a fiery statement. He vowed that "the Teamsters will strike any employer, when necessary, no matter their size or the depth of their pockets. Unions will never be broken by this Court or any other."

The case involves an August 2017 work stoppage at Glacier after negotiations between the company and its unionized employees broke down. The company had loaded batches of wet concrete into the rotating drums of its trucks for delivery. But a union representative told the drivers out on their rounds to return instead and walk off the job.

That left the company's bosses and non-striking employees to find a way to dump the concrete in an environmentally sensitive way before it could harden and permanently damage the trucks.

The company says the trucks were saved. It sued the union workers in state court for losses related to the wasted concrete.

Eventually, the Washington Supreme Court stopped the lawsuit, agreeing with the union that the NLRA and its authority over union activity took priority over state court claims. In its view, "the NLRA preempts Glacier's tort claims related to the loss of its concrete product because that loss was incidental to a strike arguably protected by federal law."

But Barrett wrote that the National Labor Relations Board has recognized that the law does not shield striking workers who fail to take "reasonable precautions" to "protect their employer's property from foreseeable, aggravated, and imminent danger due to the sudden cessation of work."

"Far from taking reasonable precautions to mitigate foreseeable danger to Glacier's property," Barrett wrote, "the Union executed the strike in a manner designed to compromise the safety of Glacier's trucks and destroy its concrete. Such conduct is not 'arguably protected' by the NLRA; on the contrary, it goes well beyond the NLRA's protections."

She noted that the NLRB has found in the past that the act's protections do not cease to exist just because a strike is timed to put pressure on the employer — when crops needs to be picked, for instance, or milk and cheese could spoil.

But in the case of the Glacier strike, she wrote, the workers actions *"prompted the creation* of the perishable product."

Jackson wrote that the NLRB is still investigating that allegation by Glacier, and she accused her colleagues of rushing to decide the case.

"Fortunately, the pending Board determination of what actually happened in connection with this particular strike will establish — as a matter of fact and not mere allegation — what precautions (if any) the drivers actually took and what harm (if any) the Union's conduct actually posed to Glacier's trucks," Jackson wrote.

The court has grown increasingly conservative in recent years and has dealt blows to organized labor in rulings relating to the unionization of farmworkers and the collection of union fees. Those decisions prompted sharper division between the ideological wings of the court than Thursday's decision.

The case is *Glacier Northwest v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 174.*



Trump, DeSantis in open warfare in key early states

Candidates increasingly go for attack as they try to distinguish themselves

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Supporters of former president Donald Trump await his arrival at a campaign event Thursday at the Machine Shed restaurant in Urbandale, Iowa.

URBANDALE, IOWA — Donald Trump returned to the campaign trail Thursday with a torrent of attacks on Ron DeSantis, mocking his rival's repeated reminders that he can serve two terms to Trump's one; belittling DeSantis's alternating pronunciations of his own last name; and criticizing use of the word "woke," a cornerstone of DeSantis's stump speeches.

DeSantis renewed his sharpened criticism of Trump, accusing the former president of being "petty" and dismissing Trump's vow to turn the country around within six months of taking office. "Anyone who says they can slay the deep state in six months should be asked, 'Why didn't you do that when you had four years?'" he said in New Hampshire, a reflection of his more hostile stance toward Trump since kicking off his campaign earlier this week.

The dueling offensives underscored the state of open warfare between Trump, the clear polling leader in the Republican presidential primary, and DeSantis, who is running a distant second but well ahead of every other contender. Since commencing his campaign in Iowa this week, the Florida governor has stepped up his aggressions against Trump after mostly ignoring him in recent months. He is seeking to counter his rival's relentless attacks and launch his own, spanning policy and personal fronts.

Now, as the candidates hit the trail in key early states at the start of a critical summer stretch, their pitches are increasingly about distinguishing themselves from one another. Trump explained his strategy in a local radio interview with Simon Conway released Thursday: "This is a war of a certain kind, and what you do is, generally speaking, the person that's in second place, you go after that person as opposed to the person in eighth or ninth place."

Speaking to members of Westside Conservative Club at the Machine Shed restaurant here in Urbandale on Thursday morning, Trump urged attendees to vote against DeSantis because he could accomplish much more quickly what DeSantis has vowed to do.

"When he says eight years, every time I hear it I wince, because I say if it takes eight years to turn this around, then you don't want him, you don't want him as your president," Trump said. "It'll take me six months to have it totally the way it was, we'll have it fast."

Trump was responding to a refrain DeSantis has used in Iowa and New Hampshire this week. "It really requires a two-term presidency to be able to do as much as you need to do," DeSantis said in Pella, Iowa, on Wednesday.

Standing under a pavilion in Salem, N.H., on Thursday, DeSantis re-upped his talking point. "When people say they are going to slay the deep state in a day or six months, I'm sorry, this is something that only a two-term president is going to be able to do because the bureaucrats will just wait you out if you're a lame duck president," he said. "They'll wait you out, and as soon as you're gone they'll change and go back."

At the Machine Shed event, Trump criticized using the word "woke," saying he doesn't like the term because "half the people can't define it, they don't know what it is." DeSantis has often used "woke" as a foil meant to evoke ideas associated with the left, bragging that his home state is where "woke goes to die." Trump himself has also used the term "woke" disparagingly, including in a Thursday Fox News town hall appearance while discussing the military.

The former president also alluded to the Florida governor not taking town-hall-style questions from voters at his recent events. At a New Hampshire event on Thursday, a reporter pressed DeSantis on a similar front, asking, "Why not take any questions from voters, governor?"

"Are you blind? So people are coming up to me, talking to me, whatever they want to talk to me about," DeSantis responded as he walked through the crowd of attendees.

In Iowa, DeSantis took questions from attendees along the rope line between selfies. But he did not have a structured question-and-answer portion at his events, unlike Trump, who fielded questions both at the breakfast — which only select members of the press were allowed to enter — and while speaking to campaign volunteers later in the day in Grimes, when Trump was even more direct in his personal criticism of DeSantis.

"You don't change your name in the middle of an election, he changed his name in the middle of the election. You don't do that, you do it before or after, but ideally you don't do it at all," Trump said, referencing the pronunciation of the first syllable of DeSantis's last name.

DeSantis has drawn attention for alternating between pronouncing his last name as "Dee-Santis" or "Deh-Santis," including in his first week as a presidential candidate. In his launch video, he used the former pronunciation, while in interviews since, he has used the later pronunciation.

Asked which is correct in an interview with Fox News, DeSantis said, "It's ridiculous, these stupid things. Listen, the way to pronounce my last name — winner."

Returning to Iowa and New Hampshire this week for the first time as an official candidate, DeSantis has used his events to draw implicit contrasts with Trump. The Florida governor has repeatedly said he would have fired Anthony S. Fauci, the former White House medical adviser whom Trump retained even as many conservative voters turned on Fauci and the coronavirus restrictions he supported.

Under questioning from the media, DeSantis has lobbed more direct criticisms.

"I think it's so petty," he told New Hampshire radio host Jack Heath on Thursday, speaking of Trump's habit of name-calling. "I think it's so juvenile. I don't think that's what voters want, and honestly I think that — that his conduct, which he's been doing for years now, I think that's one of the reasons he's not in the White House now."

DeSantis was just as blunt in a news conference with the reporters two nights earlier, just after his campaign launch in Clive, Iowa. He suggested Trump was not a team player, saying that if the former president "put the mission first" he would have cheered DeSantis and other Republicans' victories in Florida last fall.

He also knocked Trump for not publicly weighing in on the debt ceiling deal sooner — "Are you leading from the front, or are you waiting for polls to tell you what position to take?" — and expressed indignation at Trump saying that former New York governor Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, "did better" than DeSantis on preventing deaths related to the coronavirus.

"He used to say how great Florida was — hell, his whole family moved to Florida under my governorship," DeSantis told reporters. The governor and his allies have repeatedly suggested Trump is adopting some arguments of the political left.

Trump on Thursday was in the midst of a two-day visit to Iowa, which included the recording of the Fox News town hall that aired in the the evening. Outside Trump's morning event, the campaign bus of the pro-DeSantis super PAC Never Back Down sat parked in the restaurant's parking lot. DeSantis supporters outside the breakfast — a much more intimate setting than the former president usually speaks at — put fliers criticizing Trump's record on abortion on the cars of attendees inside.

Geno Foral, 29, a DeSantis supporter who attended the governor's event in his hometown of Council Bluffs this week, said he wished that DeSantis would criticize Trump more directly in his stump speech and not save it for interviews with the media.

"As of now, that is who he is running against, you know, like he needs to make the ticket before he can face Biden or whoever makes the ticket there," he said. "It's funny that he said someone shouldn't have hired Fauci, they should have fired Fauci. We know who he was talking about."

His sister, Kaylee, interrupted to say she disagrees: "I feel like he needs to be the bigger person."

Brandon Sawhill, a Trump supporter who attended the Machine Shed event, said, "I'm hoping for some debates." Speaking of DeSantis, he said, "We'll see how it plays out, but I don't think he's going to be a valid contender."

At the entrance to Manchester Community College where DeSantis had his final stop Thursday, several dozen Trump supporters waved massive flags that said "Trump 2024" and "Trump Country" and "Take America Back."

Inside, Fred Kassam, 47, a telecom engineer, said he wanted to hear what DeSantis had to say but at this point is backing Trump. He said he's not too concerned about the two men sparring. "It's part of the game," he said. "They have to attack each other. It's politics."

Knowles reported from Clive, Iowa. Itkowitz reported from Manchester, N.H.

Hurricane season begins with abnormally warm Atlantic and storm threat

BY DAN STILLMAN AND JASON SAMENOW

With the calendar turning to June, the 2023 hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico has officially begun. Right on cue, the National Hurricane Center declared that a tropical depression formed in the gulf on Thursday afternoon and is expected to bring unsettled, rainy weather to Florida into the weekend.

But this depression — which could strengthen into Tropical Storm Arlene — is probably just a small preview of what the coming months will bring, especially late August and September, when the season peaks and the risk of severe storm damage escalates for both coastal zones and even areas much farther inland.

Most forecasts for the season are predicting near-average storm activity, but conflicting atmospheric and ocean signals have made this year's forecast more challenging than usual.

Of particular concern are abnormally warm Atlantic waters that can fuel rapidly intensifying storms. But the effect of those warm waters may be tamed by a developing El Niño, which tends to limit Atlantic storminess.

The past seven seasons have featured above-normal storm activity. Hurricane Ian, which struck southwest Florida last year as one of the costliest U.S. storms on record, became the seventh to attain Category 5 strength in the past seven years, one of the two most active stretches for these top-tier storms on record.

Because of warming waters caused by climate change, more hurricanes have been rapidly intensifying in recent years, making them harder to forecast and leaving less time to prepare for their impacts.

This year's seasonal hurricane forecasts

Because of the very warm Atlantic waters, a team of researchers at Colorado State University on Thursday increased the number of named storms it is projecting from 13 to 15. Storms are named when their sustained winds reach at least 39 mph.

"We have increased our forecast and now call for a near-average Atlantic Basin hurricane season in 2023," the team wrote. "While we anticipate a robust El Niño for the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, the tropical and subtropical Atlantic have continued to anomalously warm to near-record levels."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said last week it is predicting 12 to 17 named storms, right around the historical average of 14; NOAA predicts that five to nine of those storms could become hurricanes, with winds of at least 74 mph, compared with a historical average of seven.

Below is a summary of forecasts for the 2023 hurricane season from seven groups — all project at least one major hurricane, rated Category 3 or higher on the Saffir-Simpson scale for storm intensity, with winds of at least 111 mph:

- NOAA: 12 to 17 named storms; 5 to 9 hurricanes; 1 to 4 major hurricanes.
- AccuWeather: 11 to 15 named storms; 4 to 8 hurricanes; 1 to 3 major hurricanes.
- The Weather Co.: 15 named storms; 7 hurricanes; 3 major hurricanes.
- Colorado State University: 15 named storms; 7 hurricanes; 3 major hurricanes.
- North Carolina State University: 11 to 15 named storms; 6 to 8 hurricanes; 2 to 3 major hurricanes.
- Tropical Storm Risk: 13 named storms; 6 hurricanes; 2 major hurricanes.
- United Kingdom Met Office: 20 named storms; 11 hurricanes; 5 major hurricanes.



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Debris covers the ground at an RV park in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., after Hurricane Ian in October. A tropical depression, which could strengthen, is expected to bring rain to Florida this weekend.

While seasonal hurricane forecasts have demonstrated improved accuracy in recent years, experts say this year's outlook is especially hard because it's unclear whether the limiting effects of El Niño can overcome the boost provided by the very warm Atlantic. The conflicting signals mean "there is more uncertainty than normal," the Colorado State team wrote.

The U.K. Met Office said it is predicting a relatively high number of storms because it expects the current El Niño to have less of a limiting impact than previous events and water temperatures to remain well above average for the duration of the season.

Preparation urged

As it's impossible to predict when and where a storm might strike more than about seven to 10 days into the future, federal agencies such as NOAA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are urging people in hurricane-prone regions to prepare now for what they would do in the event of an approaching storm.

"As we saw with Hurricane Ian, it only takes one hurricane to cause widespread devastation and upend lives. So regardless of the number of storms predicted this season, it is critical that everyone understand their risk and heed the warnings of state and local officials," FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell said in NOAA's 2023 hurricane outlook. "Whether you live on the coast or further inland, hurricanes can cause serious impacts to everybody in their path."

Hurricane season, which begins June 1, extends all the way until the end of November, although tropical systems can develop before and after that.

This year, the Hurricane Center says the season's first tropical system formed in mid-January. That system, off the Northeast coast, was determined to be a subtropical storm, exhibiting characteristics of both a tropical and more typical storm system. Because it wasn't declared a storm until months after it developed and dissipated, it did not earn a name.

This year's list of storms names starts with Arlene and ends with Whitney, should 21 systems develop. But most forecasts are for fewer than that.

Watching the Gulf of Mexico

Arlene may form by Friday.

The Hurricane Center wrote that the depression in the Gulf of Mexico — packing peak winds of 35 mph and positioned about 300 miles west of Florida's west coast — could modestly intensify and attain tropical storm strength.

"However, the system should begin to weaken by Friday night and degenerate into a remnant low by Saturday," the Hurricane Center wrote.

Regardless of the storm's development, the Hurricane Center wrote that heavy rain could fall through the weekend over the Florida peninsula.

Projections from the National Weather Service indicate 1 to 3 inches are most probable through Sunday, mainly in areas from Tampa Bay and the Space Coast southward.

Weather.com meteorologist Jonathan Erdman tweeted that June averages one named storm every one to two years.

Moscow, Damascus, Tehran working together in bid to force U.S. to exit Syria

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U.S. casualties, risking a wider military confrontation with Iran, current and former intelligence analysts and weapons experts say. The same type of weapon, called an explosively formed penetrator, or EFP, was used by pro-Iranian insurgents in lethal attacks against American military convoys during the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

Officials with Iran's elite Quds Force unit directed and oversaw testing of one of the explosives, which reportedly sliced through a tank's armored plating in a trial run conducted in late January in Dumayr, east of Damascus, the Syrian capital, according to one of the intelligence reports. The document, part of the trove of classified materials leaked on the messaging platform Discord, appears to be based on intercepted communications by Syrian and Lebanese militants allied to Iran. One apparent attempt to use such devices against U.S. forces was apparently thwarted in late February when three bombs were seized by U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters in northeastern Syria, a second document states.

"There has been a sea change in their risk-acceptance in killing Americans in Syria," said Michael Knights, an expert on Iranian-backed militia groups and a founder of the website Militia Spotlight. Noting the devastating toll exacted by EFP bombs during the Iraq War, he added: "This will definitely kill people. And they're thinking very hard about how to do it."

Another document in the trove describes a new and broader effort by Moscow, Damascus and Tehran to oust the United States from Syria, a long-sought goal that could allow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to reclaim eastern provinces now controlled by U.S.-backed Kurdish forces. The past three U.S. administrations have maintained a small contingent of U.S. troops in Syria — about 900 at any given time, augmented by hundreds more contractors — to prevent a resurgence by Islamic State militants in the country, thwart Iranian and Russian ambitions, and provide leverage for other strategic objectives.



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A U.S. military convoy in northeastern Syria in 2019. About 900 U.S. troops are in the country, augmented by hundreds of contractors, to prevent a resurgence by Islamic State militants.

U.S. administrations have justified the deployment under the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force, which Congress passed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to fight al-Qaeda. But the presence of U.S. troops in Syria also creates opportunities for new conflict: Another document in the trove describes how Iran and allied militias were preparing to retaliate for Israeli strikes on their forces by hitting U.S. bases in Syria.

The leaked documents describe plans for a wide-ranging campaign by U.S. opponents that would involve stoking popular resistance and supporting a grass-roots movement to carry out attacks against Americans in eastern and northeastern Syria. High-ranking Russian, Iranian and Syrian military and intelligence officials met in November and agreed on establishing a "coordination center" for directing the campaign, according to a classified intelligence assessment prepared in January.

There were no indications in the documents of direct Russian involvement in planning the bombing campaign. But the leaked documents point to a more active role by Moscow in the broader anti-U.S. effort. Russia, like Iran, intervened militarily in Syria's civil war to keep the Assad regime in power and now backs the government's efforts to regain control of the entire country. In the months since the leaked documents were written, Russia has engaged in new provocations against U.S. forces, including violating deconfliction agreements, flying over U.S. bases and buzzing U.S. aircraft.

While it has been long-standing Russian policy to eject the United States from Syria, the creation of a joint coordination center to achieve that goal is new, said Aaron Stein, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. In the event that attacks by militia groups were to kill U.S. forces, Iran and Russia probably believe they can manage the escalation because the U.S. military would probably limit its response to strikes against targets inside Syria, the default retaliation under both the Trump and Biden administrations, Stein said.

But he cautioned that Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the collapse of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal made the situation more volatile and harder to predict and that domestic U.S. political dynamics might make it harder to be seen as backing down against Russia.

The new active planning reflected in the leaked documents means "there's a good chance things could escalate," said Mohammed Alaa Ghanem, the head of policy at the Syrian American Council and an opponent of the Assad regime.

EFPs are more sophisticated variants of roadside bombs — commonly known as improvised explosive devices, or IEDs — that became a hallmark of the insurgent campaign against U.S. forces in Iraq after the 2003 invasion. The devices are typically triggered by remote sensors and use a "shaped" explosive charge to hurl a slug of molten metal toward a target at high velocity.

One of the leaked documents describes attempts by a bombmaker with Lebanon's Hezbollah militia group, which is allied with Iran, to carry out tests on a new type of EFP in Syria in late January. The device, measuring just under five inches in diameter, was assessed to be both powerful and "concealable" due to its small size and payload of 3.3 pounds of C-4 military explosive. In two tests, the bomb's projectile was able to penetrate nearly three-inch-thick tank armor at a range of about 75 feet, the document said. A third test failed, the document said.

The report said officials with the Quds Force, an elite unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, assisted with the bomb's design and operational advice on its use. A Quds Force official named Sadegh Omidzadeh specifically "identified U.S. Humvee and Cougar armored vehicles in Syria" as the intended targets and spoke of dispatching unidentified operatives to take reconnaissance photos of roads traveled by U.S. forces, the document said.

A separate document that described how Kurdish fighters seized three EFPs said the devices were being transported by a Syrian Quds Force "associate" in preparation for an "eventual attack on U.S. forces" near Rumeilan in northeastern Syria.

The Pentagon has declined to comment on the leaked documents and did not respond to questions about the intelligence detailing the new plots against U.S. forces in Syria. But the move by Iranian-backed militias to escalate attacks against Americans with roadside bombs was confirmed in interviews with two current officials and one former official with access to sensitive intelligence from the region. Some independent analysts said Iran's increasingly aggressive behavior suggests that Tehran has — or believes it has — Russia's tacit support for ratcheting up the pressure campaign. Moscow has come to depend on its Iranian ally as a principal supplier of drones and other weapons for its military assault against Ukraine.

"One outcome of Iran's increasingly close military ties with Russia is a freer hand in Syria," said Farzin Nadimi, an Iran specialist and senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a Washington think tank. "Now that Iran might actually have received this green light from the Russians, they want to gradually up their game."

The new resistance campaign is likely to find fertile ground in Arab-majority areas that chafe at the presence of U.S. forces and rule by the Kurdish autonomous authority that controls large swaths of Syria's east and northeast, experts said. Local competition for power and a "messy, angry environment" create an ideal climate to stir up unrest and organize militant groups, said Aron Lund, a fellow at the think tank Century International.

Russia has emerged from the 12-year-old Syrian war as the region's principal power broker, having rescued the Assad regime, and now presides over a shaky and complicated stalemate. While Moscow shares Syria's goal of ultimately ejecting U.S. forces and wants to reconcile the Assad regime with Turkey and the Syrian Democratic Forces — the Kurdish armed group that runs the autonomous east — it does not share Turkey's ambition of eliminating Kurdish control by force, which could cause chaos and an Islamic State resurgence, Lund said.

Although Russia's alliance with Tehran has strengthened since the start of the Ukraine conflict, Russian and Iranian leaders have conflicting ideas about the postwar administration of Syria, and Russia has tacitly allowed Israel to carry out airstrikes against perceived Iranian threats inside Syria. One leaked document states that Russia's "transactional" relationship with Iran has been a source of friction between the two governments and that Iran has repeatedly complained about being excluded from Russian-led negotiations with Turkey over a proposed permanent settlement to the conflict.



Biden trips and falls over sandbag onstage at Air Force Academy graduation

At event, president gave an address with notes on diversity and strength

BY MARIANA ALFARO AND CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. — President Biden tripped and fell onstage after congratulating the graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy on Thursday. He was immediately helped up by officials and continued participating in the event.

"He's fine. There was a sandbag onstage while he was shaking hands," White House communications director Ben LaBolt tweeted.

After delivering the commencement address and shaking hands with the last of 920 cadets, Biden started to move toward his left to return to his seat, tripped over a black sandbag and fell to his knees. The president was helped up by Air Force officials and Secret Service agents. Biden later pointed to the black sandbag onstage.

The president remained on the stage until the ceremony ended a few minutes later.

Hours earlier, Biden had delivered the commencement address at the ceremony. The president, 80, had been standing on the stage for more than two hours saluting recent graduates as their names were read out, and as the temperature in El Paso County, Colo., was in the 60s.

At the airport for the return flight to Washington, Biden went up the stairs without incident. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said "he's totally fine," adding that the president "boarded with a big smile."

The president traditionally delivers the commencement address at one of the nation's military academies. Vice President Harris recently spoke at West Point Military Academy, becoming the first woman to deliver the keynote address there.


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President Biden falls onstage during the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation ceremony on Thursday in Colorado Springs.

Biden used part of his address Thursday to emphasize how far the country's armed forces have come in terms of racial, ethnic and gender diversity.

"Your class is one of the most diverse classes in the history of this academy — or any academy — to graduate," Biden said, his voice rising. "That's why we're strong. That's why we are who we are. That's why we'll never give up."

He added that "with every step we've taken to harness the full diversity of our nation. ... Our armed forces have only grown stronger, more effective and more admired."

Turning to the global stage, Biden also expressed confidence that Sweden's bid to join NATO would soon be approved. Finland and Sweden both sought to join the alliance after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but NATO member Turkey has so far blocked Sweden's request, demanding that Stockholm take a tougher approach to Kurdish groups.

But Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan recently won reelection after a hard-fought campaign, and U.S. officials are hopeful he will remove the roadblocks to Sweden's accession now that he faces less domestic political pressure.

"NATO is more energized and more united than it's been in decades," Biden told the Air Force graduates. "It's now even stronger with the accession of our newest ally, Finland, and soon Sweden, to the alliance as soon as possible. It will happen."

Biden also took the opportunity to congratulate Air Force Gen. Charles "CQ" Brown Jr., whom he nominated to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. If confirmed, Brown, a seasoned officer, would become the second African American to hold the Pentagon's top uniformed post.

'I tried to help her,' recalls man whose wife was killed in Kyiv missile attack

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screaming," Riabchuk said. "I was hoping it was not my wife."

"I tried to help her," he added, "but it was too much blood."

His wife, Nataliya Belchenko, 33, was one of three people killed in Thursday morning's attack, among the deadliest recent strikes on the capital. Another victim was a 9-year-old child, Kyiv police said, a death that occurred as the country prepared to celebrate International Children's Day. At least 12 other people were injured, police said.

Russia has unleashed a relentless barrage of airstrikes on Kyiv in recent weeks, in an apparent attempt to weaken or destroy air defenses ahead of Ukraine's highly anticipated counteroffensive.

The air defense systems, many donated by Western nations, have allowed Ukraine to thwart most of these attacks and protect the city. And the Ukrainian military said it destroyed all 10 missiles fired at the capital on Thursday morning.

But Thursday's deaths served as a reminder of the growing danger in Kyiv's skies as tensions escalate ahead of a potentially pivotal moment in the war. It came two days after a drone attack hit Moscow, damaging two residential buildings — the first strike on a civilian area of the Russian capital since President Vladimir Putin launched his brutal invasion of Ukraine more than a year ago.

Thursday's attack also raised questions about access to shelters for residents across Kyiv, especially those whose buildings lack basements. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said in a Telegram post that city specialists are investigating why the families were unable to enter the clinic's basement.


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A person cries on the shoulder of Yaroslav Riabchuk, whose wife, Nataliya Belchenko, died in a Thursday missile attack in Kyiv after a locked door kept them and others from entering a shelter.

Klitschko said the heads of the medical facility and of the district were responsible for the operation of the shelter. "All decisions regarding the actions of responsible persons will be made today and immediately," he said.

Klitschko also called for all the heads of all of the capital's districts to "immediately check all the shelters" to be sure they are accessible and in working order.

A local prosecutor, Anton Yefimov, told Ukraine's Suspilne broadcaster that authorities are investigating the medical clinic's security guard after allegations that the guard was drunk at the time of the airstrike. A local resident said he woke up the security guard in the shelter after the explosion and that there were signs of intoxication.

Riabchuk said the shelter was usually open at night and accessible to families from nearby apartment buildings like theirs.

"I don't how it could happen," he said, standing in front of the clinic in Kyiv's Desnianskyi district Thursday morning, just a few hours after the attack. Blood was still splattered across his jeans and his wife's purse, which he carried. "It's all because of negligence."

Around him, neighbors and friends swept up glass from their apartment building's blown-out windows. Residents reentered their homes to assess the damage. Law enforcement authorities had cordoned off the clinic but could be seen covering a body at its entrance.

"Even my wife understood that after all of these attacks," Riabchuk said, "the next could happen at any time."

For Kyiv residents, who have grown accustomed to sleepless nights under frightening explosions, it all happened much faster than usual. Only a few minutes passed between the start of the alarm and the first explosion.

Bogdan Pomaz, 32, a children's swimming coach, quickly took cover with his wife and toddler son in the hallway farthest from the windows in his apartment. Two small booms led to one large explosion, and Pomaz's family decided to rush to the clinic basement.

As Pomaz ran toward the clinic, he saw several people outside its entrance, on the ground. He turned his wife and son around and quickly helped administer first aid for one of the injured women.

He asked a man for a belt to use as a makeshift tourniquet, and the man handed him a real one, which Pomaz applied to her leg.

Riabchuk said he saw a child running toward the clinic entrance during the blast. Two women appeared to have protected his daughter, pushing her toward a corner of the building.

As he stood looking toward the clinic, a neighbor wept next to him. She spoke about the man's daughter, who had witnessed the entire attack. "How could you explain to that daughter why her mother died?" the woman said.

Isobel Koshiw contributed to this report.

Border towns in western Russia report intense shelling and rocket fire

BY FRANCESCA EBEL

Shebekino, a town four miles from the Ukrainian border in Russia's Belgorod region, came under intense rocket fire and shelling Thursday, local officials and residents said — the latest in a series of attacks on Russian soil in recent days.

Amid the reports of heavy cross-border fire, a powerful explosion, reportedly from a drone strike, shook a residential neighborhood on Thursday afternoon in Belgorod city, the regional capital. Reports said two people suffered minor injuries. Videos on social media showed plumes of dark smoke floating up from a block of apartments.

Belgorod governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said Thursday that at least two people had been wounded in the attacks on Shebekino, which began overnight and appeared to continue throughout the day.

Gladkov blamed the shelling on Ukraine. Kyiv has denied any direct involvement in the attacks on Russia's territory, including in the western regions and in Moscow, which was targeted with a drone strike Tuesday that hit civilian areas in Russia's capital for the first time since its invasion of Ukraine.

Videos on social media of the damage in Shebekino showed parts of the town in flames, with cars and buildings on fire, including a large, five-story dormitory. Smoke could also be seen rising from a factory that manufactures synthetic apparels.

"Shebekino is under incessant fire," Gladkov wrote early Thursday morning on his Telegram channel. He accused the Ukrainian military of firing on the center and outskirts of the city using Grad multiple rocket launchers.

Later, Gladkov wrote that residents' lives were "under threat" in both Shebekino and surrounding villages and that authorities were working to evacuate them.

On Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the situation in Belgorod as "quite alarming."

Russian media outlets reported that electricity and cellphone networks had stopped working in the town, which had a prewar population of 40,000 people. According to local journalists and residents, many inhabitants have recently left in response to the attacks.

"Shebekino has been shelled especially intensively in the last week, compared with previous periods. We have not seen such intensity before," said Belgorod journalist Nikita Parmyonov, who is based in Georgia.

Parmyonov noted that since the beginning of the invasion, many border towns in the Belgorod region had seen sporadic explosions and cross-border incursions. Because of damaged power lines, he said, it was difficult to get real-time information from the city.

In video statements on Telegram and published in Russian media, residents described chaotic scenes, with many saying the town was "on fire" and that shelling was ongoing. Some said they had received little support from local authorities and had been forced to evacuate themselves.

"Today is June 1. Behind me is our city of Shebekino, which is on fire," said one woman in a video posted on Telegram. The woman did not provide her name but claimed to be a resident of Shebekino who had just fled the town with her children.

"There are still fights going on. . . . The AFU is attacking the city, there are very few of us left there," she said, referring to the armed forces of Ukraine. "The previous days, there was practically no response; there were no soldiers in the town. We were left to our own devices. It got to the point that tonight, people all fled. Now many remain in the basements; they cannot be evacuated."

Another resident, who said she was a student from Shebekino, said her family did not have the financial means to leave.

"Shebekino is part of Russia, and we are asking for help. We do not know who will protect us. Who will help us? Why do we have to leave the city on our own?" the woman said, in a video posted to Telegram. "Move the front line and save the Belgorod region and the city of Shebekino."

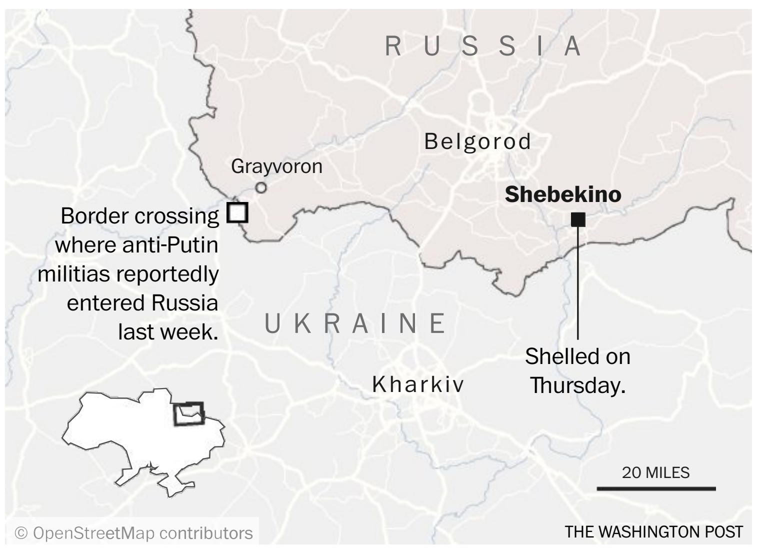
Another woman, who claimed to be the administrator of a Telegram channel called "Whisper of Shebekino" and who also did not provide her name, said the situation in the town was "tense" and that Shebekino remained under fire. Loud booms could be heard in the background.

"We haven't slept for several nights," the woman said. "There are destroyed buildings in the city, burned-out cars. People are fleeing the city in private vehicles and organized transport." She added: "We have no electricity, no water; stores and enterprises do not work. We are all frightened."



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A sign reads, "Belgorod, the city of military glory" at the entrance to the Russian city, about 25 miles from the border with Ukraine. Belgorod and nearby towns have been hit in multiple recent attacks.



In a video statement posted to Telegram, Belgorod's deputy governor for housing and communal services, Konstantin Polezhaev, said that the "massive shelling" had disabled the town's energy infrastructure facilities. "Residential houses were damaged, and significant damage was caused to infrastructure," Polezhaev said.

Meanwhile, the Russian Volunteer Corps, a group of anti-government, armed ethnic Russians known for harboring extremist views, said in a video statement that its forces had crossed the border once again and were approaching the "outskirts of Shebekino." The group has claimed responsibility for multiple incursions into Russia from Ukraine in recent months.

In a statement Thursday, Russia's Defense Ministry said that an attempt by Ukraine "to carry out a terrorist act against the civilian population of the city of Shebekino, Belgorod Region" had been thwarted. The ministry claimed to have either killed or dispersed what it described as groups of "Ukrainian terrorists."

"In total, more than 50 Ukrainian terrorists, four armored combat vehicles, a combat vehicle of the BM-21 Grad multiple launch rocket system [and] one pickup truck were destroyed on the border territory from Ukraine," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin met with Russian families via video link to mark Children's Day. Putin told the families that he had no doubt Russia would be victorious and that the country was protecting "its land, its people and its values."

Since an influx of attacks deep inside Russian territory over the past week, Putin has tried to project a veneer of calm, amid increasing tensions.

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Medicare outlines plan to expand coverage for costly new Alzheimer's drugs

Medications need FDA approval, doctors must participate in registries

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY, RACHEL ROUBEIN AND DANIEL GILBERT

Medicare officials outlined plans Thursday to broadly cover a new class of Alzheimer's drugs amid an intense lobbying campaign by patient advocates and drugmakers to ensure access to the first medications shown to slow cognitive decline from the disease.

In a statement, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which runs the federal health program for seniors and people with disabilities, said the drugs must have traditional approval from the Food and Drug Administration — none of the medications has that now. And physicians must participate in registries designed to collect information on how the drugs work in the real world, as opposed to the tightly controlled environment of clinical trials. The plan was foreshadowed in previous agency remarks.

The approach disappointed some advocates who said it did not go far enough in guaranteeing that patients with early-stage disease — the group most likely to benefit — could access the medications. Some doctors, they said, might choose not to participate in registries. Other experts praised the plan, saying registries would provide much-needed information on how the therapies work.

The first drug in the class likely to receive traditional approval from the FDA is Leqembi, made by the pharmaceutical companies Eisai and Biogen. The medication, which the FDA approved on an accelerated basis in January, may get traditional approval as soon as July. A similar drug by Eli Lilly may be fully cleared by the end of the year.

For drugs cleared by the FDA on an accelerated basis, Medicare will stick with its policy of covering the medications only for patients in federally approved clinical trials. That is in sharp contrast to its coverage plan for medications that receive regular, or traditional, approval.

Accelerated approvals are based on a biomarker or other sign suggesting the medication may help patients. Such approvals typically occur more quickly than traditional approvals, which require evidence of an actual clinical benefit.

The medications target amyloid plaque in the brain, a signature characteristic of Alzheimer's, and are designed for people with mild cognitive impairment or early-stage dementia caused by the disease. Some doctors have greeted the drugs as a welcome advance after years of failure, but others say they raise serious safety and effectiveness concerns and are not ready for widespread use.

The Alzheimer's Association criticized the CMS plan, saying in a statement that requiring a "registry as a condition of coverage is an unnecessary barrier." While registries can be important tools to gather information about a drug, the association acknowledged, "we remain concerned that the requirement of clinicians to register and enter data will create unnecessary hurdles."

Other experts said they don't expect patient registries to hinder the accessibility of the drug and support the approach from CMS.

The collection of information "will be critical for further analyses to be done, both by CMS to make sure that their beneficiaries are continuing to benefit from the drug in a meaningful way ... and then also to collect safety information," said Reshma Ramachandran, assistant professor of medicine at Yale School of Medicine.

Diana Zuckerman, president of the National Center for Health Research, a nonprofit think tank, agreed, saying such data will show "who is benefiting, how much and whether certain patients will be at such high risk — perhaps those taking blood thinners, for example — that it is not worth the risk."

But John Dwyer, president of the Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation, which works to make Alzheimer's drug trials more efficient, said CMS should not place conditions on medications that have been approved by the FDA. He described the agency's approach as "half a loaf" for patients.

The news from CMS removed lingering uncertainty over how broadly Medicare would cover anti-amyloid drugs, a key focus of investors assessing how profitable they could be, with Wall Street analysts expecting that Leqembi will receive full approval. Biogen's shares were up more than 3 percent in early trading Thursday.

"We believe broader CMS reimbursement will be a tailwind for Eisai and Biogen," Myles Minter, a biotech analyst at William Blair, wrote in a research note Thursday, adding that Medicare's approach could benefit other companies such as Eli Lilly and Prothena that are developing Alzheimer's drugs targeting amyloid.

Clinical trials have shown that the drug, which is administered twice a month intravenously and priced at $26,500 a year, can modestly slow progression of early Alzheimer's.

The announcement from CMS also shows that the agency has been working to lay the groundwork for a patient registry, so that the process could be ready as soon as the FDA makes a decision on full approval, analysts at Cowen wrote. Laura Chico, an analyst for Wedbush, wrote Thursday that CMS's position is "not terribly surprising" but that the patient registry could complicate the logistics for Leqembi's launch.

Medicare's coverage decision will apply to both the original program and to private Medicare Advantage plans. Insurers for younger people often follow Medicare's lead on deciding what to pay for.

Medicare said its approach would expand the number of patients eligible to receive fully approved drugs while allowing the collection of critical information that would be made available to researchers.

The data requirements of the agency will be simple and straightforward, according to a CMS official who spoke on the condition of anonymity before the plan was made public. Doctors and their staffs won't be paid for the additional work of filing the information, the official said.

The new Alzheimer's drugs have been at the center of a high-stakes struggle over how to handle the emergence of disease-modifying therapies that studies show provide some benefit in slowing progression of the disease. Critics said those benefits are insignificant and pale in the face of safety concerns such as potentially fatal bleeding in the brain. They also warn that widespread use of the drugs could imperil Medicare's finances.

Alzheimer's advocates counter that the drugs are the first glimmer of hope in treating a disease that robs patients of their memories and identities and devastates families and their finances. About 6.7 million people in the United States are diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and the number is expected to rise sharply as the population ages, with the costs of care skyrocketing.

The new drug class is made up of monoclonal antibodies, which are proteins produced in a lab that can bind to certain molecules. Outside FDA experts — the agency's Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee — are expected to meet June 9 to discuss whether Leqembi should receive traditional approval. The FDA's deadline for deciding that issue is July 6.

A similar drug made by Eli Lilly may get traditional approval from the FDA by the end of this year or early next year. A third medication, Aduhelm, received accelerated approval in June 2021 but failed in the marketplace amid controversy over contradictory data and resistance by physicians.

Groups such as the Alzheimer's Association have pushed Medicare to cover the new drugs — including those cleared only on an expedited basis — saying that the FDA should be the final arbiter of safety and efficacy of drugs. They also note that cancer drugs cleared on an accelerated basis are routinely covered by Medicare.

But critics of the medications say the FDA has been far too quick to approve the new therapies and that Medicare is providing an important brake.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers in both parties during the past year have pressed Medicare to consider broad coverage for the Alzheimer's drugs.

In an April hearing, Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (Calif.) — the ranking Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce health subcommittee — pressed CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure on how a registry would be structured to allow for broader access to Leqembi. Eshoo quizzed the CMS chief on whether patients and physicians will be aware of the potential for broader coverage if an Alzheimer's drug gets full FDA approval this summer, and she expressed concern the agency wasn't ready.

"If doctors don't know, patients don't know, and Medicare doesn't really seem to know what this registry entails, how are Medicare patients going to get the drug potentially beginning in July?" Eshoo asked. "That's really the $64,000 question in my mind."

Brooks-LaSure told Congress that her agency intended to publish details about the upcoming registry. But there were few in the statement issued Thursday.

The CMS statement said that physicians and their staffs would be able to submit data on the drugs through a CMS-facilitated portal and that several private organizations are preparing to open their own registries. The agency did not explain exactly how the two would work together and said more information would be released as they come online.

Registries have been used before to collect information about a drug or medical device, including for a transcatheter aortic valve replacement, CMS said.

CMS officials have said they base their coverage decisions on whether a drug is "reasonable and necessary" for treating a disease — and that the answer determines whether Medicare pays for the expensive drug.

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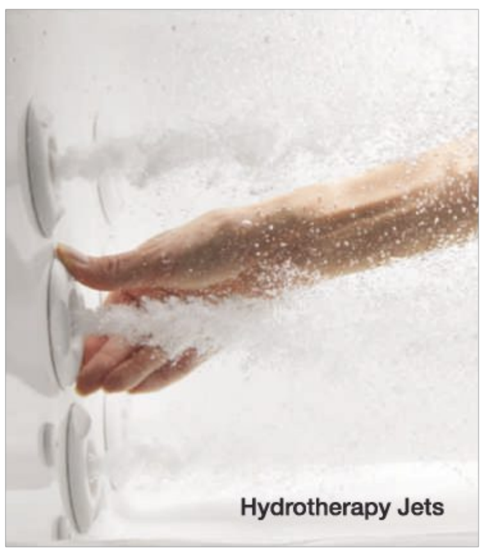
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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Venezuelan Ángel Andrade, right, and other migrants on a bus taking them from the U.S. border on May 14 to be dropped off in Ciudad Juárez near a shelter run by the Mexican government. Brazilians hoping to seek U.S. asylum sit on the Ysleta-Zaragoza Bridge connecting Juárez and El Paso on May 13. On the same day, other migrants return across the Rio Grande after Texas National Guard members tell them to leave.





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Migrants face new reality at border

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As he waited in line now at the U.S. border, he grew stressed, his heart pounding so anxiously in his chest he thought he could feel his blood pulsing in his ears.

"I'm not asking for a gift," he said. "I'm asking for protection."

Callejas had studied U.S. asylum policy on the way north and knew he had the right under federal law to ask for refuge. As the clock ticked to 10 p.m., Mexican officials approached.

He didn't know whether they were coming to tell him to go away or if he could finally move forward.



ABOVE: Venezuelan migrants try to find places to sleep in downtown Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, early on May 12. Some of them eventually would decide to bed down on cardboard.

RIGHT: The group eats on the street near the shelter while waiting to find out whether the facility can take them in.



A new calculus

The end of Title 42 pandemic restrictions at the border brought confusion, anxiety and fear that ultimately dissipated in a lull. The predictions of immediate chaos and catastrophe at the border in the U.S. Southwest did not materialize — at least, not in the way described or imagined.

Instead of a sustained uptick in detentions, the number of people caught crossing the border illegally has declined as migrants reassess how best to enter the United States. Although all can now apply for asylum, qualifying is difficult.

Migrants must vie for the 1,000 daily appointments available through CBP's new app — a difficult feat for many without smartphones or strong internet connections. And at the U.S. border, asylum seekers must demonstrate that they sought protection somewhere else if they passed through other countries on their way to the United States.

Meanwhile, the consequences for entering illegally are stiffer. Under the Title 42 restrictions, migrants apprehended at the border were returned to Mexico. Now they also face a five-year ban from reentering the United States.

In cities such as Juárez, thousands of migrants are trying to determine what comes next. Some are trying to get appointments on the CBP app with middling success. Many said their preference is not to enter the United States illegally but to try to apply for asylum. But frustration is growing.

"Do they know what we had to do to get here?" Frainier Gonzalez, 27, said on a recent afternoon. He had been expelled weeks earlier under the Title 42 restrictions and had not been able to get an appointment on the CBP app.

The number of migrants intercepted by U.S. Border Patrol is down more than 50 percent since the order expired, according to Department of Homeland Security officials. Officials say that at the same time, they have returned more than 10,000 migrants to their homes in Colombia, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and El Salvador on flights in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, since the Title 42 measures ended on May 11, more than 21,000 people have been allowed into the United States with orders to appear in court, even as the Biden administration enforces new restrictions. In April, the U.S. Border Patrol released more than 60,000 people into the country to relieve dangerous crowding inside their facilities as border encounters spiked before the order's lifting. Both figures are higher than the monthly average of 17,600 released since October, although numbers vary month to month.

South of the border, many migrants interviewed said they are pausing to consider their options and strategize for their best chance. In Juárez, confused migrants are languishing in shelters, sleeping on streets and going door to door among businesses asking for jobs, food and, sometimes, medicine.

"We've done everything they ask but still don't meet the criteria. What is the criteria? The only thing left is to give up and go somewhere else."

Frainier Gonzalez, 27-year-old Venezuelan in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, on being expelled from the United States and then not being able to secure an appointment via the Customs and Border Protection app

Some are biding their time, knowing that conditions at the border evolve with each lawsuit that might challenge the U.S. government's efforts to deter unauthorized migration. Others are wondering how long they should wait.

"We've done everything they ask but still don't meet the criteria," Gonzalez said. "What is the criteria? The only thing left is to give up and go somewhere else."

Return to Mexico

Ángel Andrade suspected that the end of Title 42 restrictions would bring new obstacles in his quest to enter the United States and begin a new life.

So, the skinny 32-year-old, whose friends call him "Flaco," joined the crowds outside an El Paso border gate nine days in advance to surrender to U.S. authorities, hoping to be let in.

He and his friends waited, sitting and sleeping in the dirt outside. A little more than a week later, U.S. officials allowed them inside for processing, he said.

Andrade said he once led a comfortable life in oil-rich but struggling Venezuela, where he studied law and served in the military. But he said conflicts with relatives tied to criminal groups and deteriorating economic conditions pushed him to flee to Colombia. The pandemic and the election of a leftist president there, he said, made his adoptive home feel increasingly insecure.

He followed the advice of friends to brave the jungle route across the Darién Gap, travel through Central America and work his way toward northern Mexico. He decided to try entering the United States through Juárez, just as the end of the public health order approached.

"Nos fuimos con la fe," Andrade said. "We went with our faith."

He and his friends were in CBP custody for two days, he said. They were asked a few questions, and eventually, the zip-ties came out. Andrade said he encouraged his fellow migrants to stay hopeful, but a Colombian man burst into tears when they all saw the retrofitted white school bus.

At 9:59 p.m. on May 11 — two hours before Title 42 restrictions were lifted — his group was returned to Mexico, the last batch expelled under the pandemic-era order, CBP officials said.

Andrade and his friends were crestfallen as they got off the bus back in Juárez. They looked for pieces of cardboard to sleep on that night. The next day in the city plaza, they attended a briefing by officials of the United Nations. The officials explained what had happened to them under U.S. law and the options left for them to explore.

Under the order, Venezuelans such as Andrade had some advantages over other migrants. The United States rarely deports Venezuelans back to the South American nation, meaning that those caught entering illegally were usually removed to Mexico. Many also were granted exceptions to the Title 42 restrictions and allowed in.

After the restrictions ended, Venezuelans would face deportation to Mexico and all the legal ramifications that would bring, including the potential five-year ban on trying to reenter the United States.

"We inaugurated the new policies," several of the men remarked at a shelter run by the Mexican government.

The men said they realize now that many of their assumptions about the border were based on

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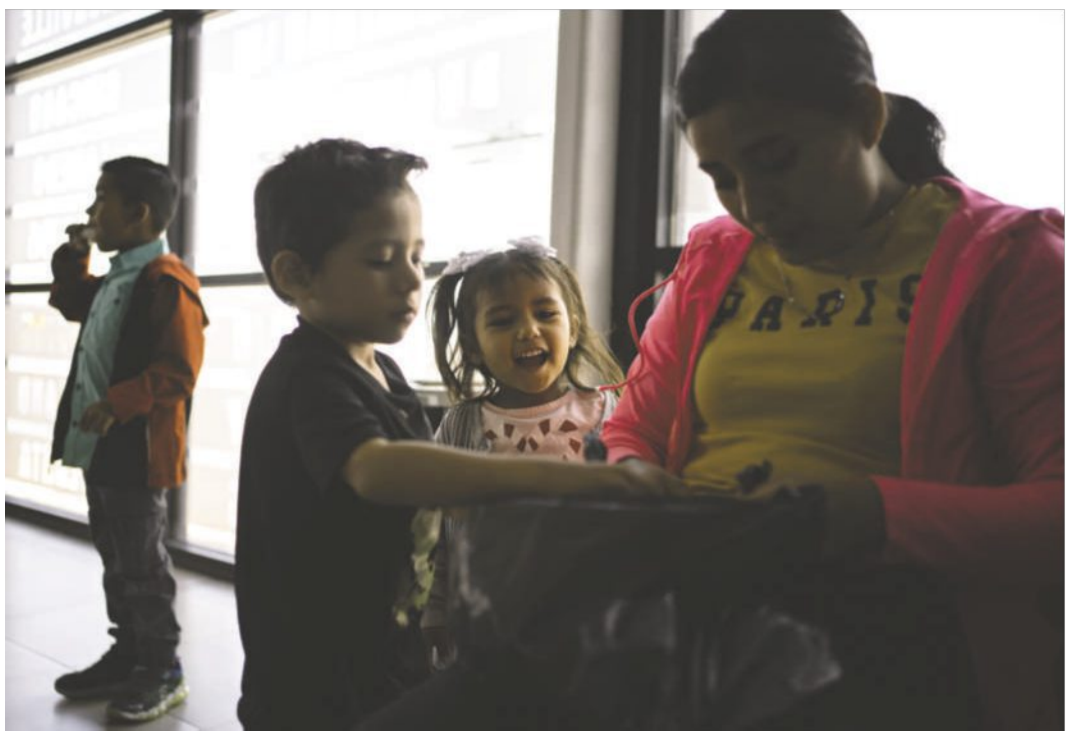
CLOCKWISE FROM BELOW: A northbound migrant from Peru braids her child's hair while waiting in Juárez on May 15. Leyla Bécquer of Peru, who said she acted on misleading information in undertaking the trip north, sits with her son near the Ysleta-Zaragoza port of entry on May 15. Gerber Callejas, his wife, Yaneth Callejas, and their 4-year-old son, all from El Salvador, in El Paso on May 16. The family is not in the clear: The asylum hurdle remains.







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LEFT: Yaneth Callejas's 4 year-old son reaches in as she looks for snacks for him and other children as her family waits at a bus station in El Paso to begin a journey to Georgia to join friends. ABOVE: At an El Paso shelter, Callejas asks for and receives a kiss from her son. The family waited in Mexico for months and was finally admitted to the United States — without managing to book an appointment through the CBP's app for migrants seeking asylum.

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bad information shared on social media and on the sunny anecdotes of friends and family members who had managed to cross weeks earlier and downplayed the difficulties.

Few of these new arrivals understood what to expect during credible-fear interviews — which immigration officials use to determine whether asylum seekers meet the criteria to be allowed to remain in the United States while their requests are processed. Nor were they aware of the administration's new rules to qualify for asylum.

All that Andrade and his friends know is that they are running out of places to turn.

"There aren't many safe places left in Latin America," said Edward Reyes, who met Andrade on the journey to the U.S. border. "Things are falling apart."

Around his friends, Andrade is the comic of the group. But after being bused back to Mexico, he said his spirit has been crushed. He popped his head into Mexican businesses in the plaza to plead for work and food. But it did not go well.

Soon, he was on his knees inside the cathedral in central Juárez to pray and cry.

"I don't know what to do. Pero no aguanto mas," he said through sobs. "I used to live well and come from a middle-class family where I had everything I needed. Now I need an opportunity and look at me: I look like a bum. People here look at me like I'm a drug addict. It enrages me."

Criminal groups adapt

Leyla Bécquer said the harassment became too much for her in her native Iquitos, where she had a business on the edge of the Peruvian Amazon.

Constant threats and extortion by armed criminal gangs — and the persistent encouragement of a Venezuelan people smuggler — pushed her to book plane tickets for herself and her two sons to Mexico. She timed her trip to arrive before May 11, after hearing advice from viral TikTok tutorials telling migrants that their window to cross would close soon.

The information was misleading, but Bécquer and thousands of other South Americans were lured by criminal organizations that used the end of the Title 42 restrictions to generate business.

On the flight to Juárez, Mexican soldiers boarded the plane and removed her and her two children, suspecting they were headed to the border. The interdiction was one of many ways that Mexican officials, at the request of the U.S. government, stepped up enforcement in the days leading up to the expiration of the public health order.

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> **Ángel Andrade,** 32-year-old Venezuelan migrant trying to enter the United States

But Bécquer said she wasn't deterred. Instead, she took a flight to Mexico City and then two more that brought her closer to the border. At the final stop, the smuggler had arranged for a driver to pick her up and take her to the United States. In all, she had paid $4,500 — most of the money she made from selling her business in Peru.

But the driver abandoned her family at the foot of the border wall, refusing to take them across after Title 42 rules ended, she said.

"I never imagined I would be in this position," said Bécquer, 36, as she cried quietly, so as not to alarm her teenage son and sick toddler. She sat on a donated comforter clutching a small dinosaur book bag containing all the papers and reports she thought she would need as evidence for her asylum case.

For three days and nights, she moved from a waiting area near the Ysleta-Zaragoza port of entry to a nearby shopping center and then slept in a patch of bushes next to the bridge. Bécquer did not feel safe sleeping outside but said she was turned away from a few hotels that refused to take children. Her youngest soon developed a fever. She begged pharmacies to give her medication until another migrant gave her cough syrup.

But the 2-year-old's illness grew worse. So she headed to the bridge without an appointment, hoping officials would nonetheless let them in on humanitarian grounds. They did. Her son was treated for pneumonia at a Texas hospital. Now she hopes to find work, using her degree in digital communications.

"I am relieved," she said, "but worried about my husband, who is on his way."

In less than two months, she will face an immigration judge's question about whether she sought asylum in any other country before resorting to the United States for help. A negative answer may mean she is deported to Peru.

Passing the first test

At the Paseo del Norte International Bridge near Juárez, Callejas saw Mexican security guards approaching and began pleading with a U.S. port official. The official asked him to be patient and assured him his family would be received, he recalled.

They left at the urging of security guards but returned the next morning at 5, he said.

A stroke of luck and Callejas's strategic timing allowed them to pass. A Mexican official signaled to CBP officers that the family had been there the night before. The officer pointed to them and waved them through just after midday, two days after the Title 42 policy ended.

Callejas, who speaks some English, had waited and prepared for years for that moment. He told an asylum officer that he'd nearly been killed in a targeted attack that took the life of a friend instead. He said he became a marked man after filing a police report in 2015 about a crime he witnessed and had been moving around El Salvador every few months to evade government-abetted criminals who took over his gym business.

He showed screenshots of the CBP One error messages and the Mexican ID cards his family obtained to travel legally in the country.

Less than two days later, Callejas and his family were in an El Paso church, savoring the moment. Callejas's 4-year-old son, Geordie, bounced around, talking rapidly in a high-pitched voice while playing on cots with other children. Callejas's wife, Yaneth Callejas, was smiling. Callejas wore an ankle monitor given to migrants as an alternative to detention and to ensure that they attend their court hearings.

They are headed to Georgia to join friends. Yet, even though he has been allowed into the United States, winning asylum will not be easy.

Immigration court hearings are being set, according to at least three migrants who showed their documents to The Post, within months — extraordinarily fast in comparison with the cases of migrants who arrived before May 11 and will not go before judges for years.

Advocates argue that migrants will not have access to good legal advice because there are not enough service providers who understand the new regulations.

Nonetheless, Callejas was about as giddy as his 4-year-old as the family waited outside an El Paso bus station to head eastward. He talked fast, saying he understands that the United States is a country of law and order, which is why he is trying to do everything by the book.

He said he also knows nothing is guaranteed. But he could not help feeling confident about having come this far and passing the first test.

CLIMATE

A well of fear, frustration and fatigue in Colorado River deal

Although officials on all sides described the year-long process as dysfunctional at times, the agreement protects the water supply for now

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW



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When a deal to protect the Colorado River's water supply finally came together after a year of contentious negotiations and a marathon weekend of last-minute haggling by phone and video calls that ran well past midnight, whatever sense of achievement the participants felt seemed outweighed by relief and fatigue.

Even as they reached this landmark moment — an unprecedented agreement among Arizona, California and Nevada to conserve more than 10 percent of their river supply over the next three years in exchange for $1.2 billion in federal funds — there was little clean or definitive about the resolution.

Within hours, Arizona's negotiator stressed at a news conference that the deal was simply "an agreement to submit a proposal." The four northern states along the river signed off on further study of the plan but would concede little else. The negotiations wrapped up with a call to immediately start another multiyear round of talks.

It was a fitting ending for a year of fear and frustration along the Colorado River.

Faced with a slow-moving environmental crisis with grave implications for the West, the Biden administration and the seven states that rely on the river's water stumbled through a process that officials on all sides described, at times, as dysfunctional.

The result is a stopgap until more durable rules can be negotiated. The temporary solution does not fully reckon with the chilling trends now apparent as the warming climate puts water supplies at ever greater risk.

The problems with the negotiations arose partly from the size of the task. The amount of water that the administration was asking states to cut from their farms and cities had never been tried. It meant immediate economic pain across the Southwest: farms out of production, thousands of jobs lost, higher vegetable prices and water bills. And the consequences of failure were even worse: dried up reservoirs that abruptly interrupted the water supply to tens of millions of people.

But power struggles between officials also complicated the work. The state negotiators — who tend to be veteran water bureaucrats steeped in the complex technical jargon of reservoir operations and water rights — felt frustrated with mixed messages coming from the Interior Department, which led to an internal shake-up at the department.

Leadership at the Interior Department, meanwhile, struggled against the clubby and insular culture among state water authorities who have hashed out deals on how the Colorado River should be shared for more than a century. Those deals have often come at the expense of Native Americans and Mexico. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American to hold the position, wanted a more inclusive process that heard from the 30 tribes in the Colorado River basin.

In the end, a record-breaking deluge of snow and rain this winter, and a mountain of federal dollars, opened a path to consensus and avoided, at least for now, a battle in the courts.

This account of the past year of negotiations is based on interviews with more than 20 participants and people close to the daunting effort to stabilize the Colorado River and protect Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Many spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private discussions.

"This last year has been one heck of an experience. Now we get to do it all over again," JB Hamby, chairman of the Colorado River Board of California, said in an interview. "We can't afford to screw this up."

A mandate to make unprecedented cuts

As President Biden took office, the Colorado River's predicament looked increasingly perilous and impossible to ignore. A drought that started in 2000 marked the driest period in more than a century, shrinking the river's natural flow by 20 percent. Climate change was making the region hotter and drier. Snow was melting earlier in the year and less runoff was reaching Lake Mead and Lake Powell. These lakes had fallen to about one-quarter full and were approaching levels where hydroelectric dams could fail and water might not flow to millions of people.

"There's so much to this that is unprecedented," Camille Calimlim Touton, commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, told the Senate in June.

Her demands would be, too. In her testimony that day to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where she had been a staffer just three years earlier, Touton laid out the need to conserve 2 to 4 million additional acre feet of water — up to one-third of the river's average annual flow. She called on the states to "figure this out" in just two months.

Her testimony landed like a thunderclap out West. There had been belt-tightening cutbacks on water usage before. But nothing like this. The most recent round of cutbacks, in 2019, took nearly six years to negotiate. Touton had given the states just 63 days to find a deal. And she warned that the administration was prepared to make unilateral cuts if the states couldn't agree.

In the states that would bear the brunt of these cuts — Arizona, California, and Nevada, known as the Lower Basin — there was angst about how a deal could be reached in such a short time. The upper end of the administration's range of proposed cuts — 4 million acre-feet of water — was almost as much as the entire allocation of the river for California, the biggest user, which distributed it to millions of people around Los Angeles and to major farming regions such as the Imperial Valley. One acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons of water.

Many people, including officials inside Interior, were dismayed that Touton would issue such an unprecedented demand with no apparent plan to enforce it if the states failed to reach a deal in two months.

"This isn't the way we normally do business," said Terry Fulp, who spent three decades with Reclamation, including eight years as the Lower Colorado River Basin regional director until retiring in 2020.

A few days before Touton's testimony, Lower Basin and Interior officials had gathered at Liberty Station, a waterfront development in San Diego. Members of California's delegation felt ambushed by others demanding the state shoulder cuts of at least 1 million acre-feet per year, despite having legal priority to the water over other states through a series of agreements, compacts and court cases that date back to 1922 and constitute what is known as the 'Law of the River.'

"It was like, what?" one participant recalled. "Let's completely ignore all of the Law of the River stuff? Lets throw that out and just have California give up a quarter of its supply suddenly out of nowhere?"

California negotiators at one point retreated to a bathroom to strategize.

The confusion grew in early July, when state negotiators began hearing from some Interior officials concerned about the department's legal authority to impose unilateral cuts on the states.



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TOP: Lake Powell and the Glen Canyon Dam on Oct. 23. The deal to stabilize the Colorado River's water supply will protect Lake Powell and Lake Mead. ABOVE; Camille Calimlim Touton, commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, speaks at a news conference on Lake Mead at Hoover Dam on April 11. "There's so much to this that is unprecedented," she said.

"That's when it became clear to us," said one Lower Basin state official who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private discussions. "We're on our own."

Missed deadline, mixed messages

In early July, Tanya Trujillo, the Interior Department's assistant secretary for water and science, informed state negotiators that the August date set by Touton was not a hard deadline, according to three participants on the call. Interior, it became clear, would not be making cuts anytime soon.

Without the threat of federal action, the momentum to reach a deal soon fizzled among the states.

"That had a chilling effect," said Tom Buschatzke, director of Arizona's Department of Water Resources and the governor's representative to the negotiation. "The stick that was hauled out in Congress, in [Touton's] testimony, that stick was gone."

Looking back on that missed August deadline, some state negotiators feel an opportunity was lost to lock-in water conservation without spending such a large amount of taxpayer money.

The moment also exemplified the mixed messages coming from Interior. Many saw Trujillo, an experienced water lawyer and the former executive director of the Colorado River Board of California, as more fluent in the Lower Basin's traditions and protocols, but less willing than Touton to push for major changes to the rules, particularly without clear legal authority.

Trujillo and Touton did not respond to a request for comment.

After the August deadline had passed with no deal, Deputy Interior Secretary Tommy Beaudreau pushed for a new strategy. An energy lawyer who spent part of his childhood in Alaska, Beaudreau was tasked to be the point person within the department on the Colorado River. He became more directly engaged in the talks and tried to stabilize the floundering process.

Interior's plan, starting in the fall, was to formally revise 2007 rules that govern operations at Lake Powell and Lake Mead. That would give the states context for the negotiations and key details about how water reductions could be distributed. It also functioned as a legal bulwark in the event of future lawsuits, defining Haaland's authority to impose emergency cuts to protect residents' health and safety.

A standoff between states

Negotiating teams kept meeting throughout the winter, as a barrage of atmospheric rivers pummeled the California coast and snows piled up in the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains, promising a big runoff year into reservoirs.

On Jan. 26, they gathered at Woolley's Classic Suites, a hotel near the Denver airport. Interior had asked for proposals on potential cuts by the following week. Six of the states were coalescing around a plan that would assign cuts based on evaporation of the river, an approach that would hit California particularly hard.

California negotiators were caught off guard that lawyers and technical staff from the other states had arrived early and were huddling at the hotel, already writing proposals.

"We shared that with California," recalled Estevan Lopez, New Mexico's representative on Colorado River issues. "And we weren't quite able to get there."

Lopez said there was "definitely a lot of tension" in that Denver meeting; another negotiator described the mood as "acrimonious." The two states that had the most to lose from big cuts, Arizona and California, failed to agree on a way forward.

By February, the talks appeared stuck. With multiple missed deadlines, White House officials had also becoming increasingly concerned by the process, and wanted answers from Interior on how the department planned to reach a deal.

That month, Beaudreau held separate conference calls with Upper and Lower Basin officials to clarify the lines of command. Lower Basin officials related that the turmoil and strife was not helpful, and they wanted clear direction from Interior.

Beaudreau informed state officials that he would be in charge, along with Touton, in the months ahead.

Trujillo, the assistant secretary, was taken off the Colorado River negotiations.

"Whatever power struggle that was going on internally had resolved," said one Lower Basin official involved in the talks. "They wasted six months, or nine months, and a lot of time and effort."

In an interview, Beaudreau said that during those calls, he stressed solving the Colorado River crisis "is the highest priority in the department."

"I will give this all the time it needs," he said.

Painful trade-offs, potential lawsuits

When the 476-page draft environmental review was published last month, it laid out two alternatives on how the federal government might impose cuts on the states: One strictly followed water rights priority, favoring farming regions at the expense of major cities; the other called for Arizona, California, and Nevada to take an equal percentage of cuts.

The states didn't like either alternative, which represented painful trade-offs and potential lawsuits.

"Everyone hated them for some reason," said one state negotiator, who conceded it was an effective negotiating tactic by the federal government. "That's actually right where you want to be if you're pushing people to get together."

Arizona and California — who consume far more water than Nevada — had the most at stake in the negotiations.

As the failed Denver meeting in January was wrapping up, Buschatzke said he tapped Hamby on the shoulder and proposed they meet one-on-one to keep talking. The following month, Buschatzke drove from Phoenix to meet Hamby at the River City Grill in Yuma, Ariz., across the state line from where Hamby lived in California's Imperial Valley.

"We both wanted to see if we could get the ball rolling again in a more positive direction. And that's what started it," Buschatzke recalled.

That led to discussions in the spring among Lower Basin officials in Las Vegas, Phoenix and Burbank — where a plan took shape to use commitments among farmers, cities, Native American tribes and others within their states to make voluntary water conservation, paid for with funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, over the next three years.

The amount of snow beginning to melt off the Rocky Mountains also eased the crisis and far reduced what was necessary to keep the reservoirs above critical levels. But Lower Basin officials also wanted to extricate themselves from the federal environmental review process, which could enhance Interior's power to impose cuts in the future.

"California and Arizona recognize that, for the most part, it's their issue to work out," said Gene Shawcroft, Utah's Colorado River commissioner, said at the time. "They both know that if they can't work it out, an imposed solution could be more harmful than a negotiated resolution."

On April 21, John Entsminger, Southern Nevada Water Authority's general manager, presented the Lower Basin's proposal to Beaudreau and Touton at his offices in Las Vegas. The response was not good. The Interior officials opposed the idea of abandoning the federal review process and the request for compensation for all water savings. Beaudreau and Touton walked out to confer but eventually came back, according to two people familiar with the meeting.

That night, Beaudreau's flight home got canceled. He slept in the Las Vegas airport.

A mutual agreement

But even with these hurdles, the Lower Basin and the federal government were nearing a solution. The parties made progress in subsequent meetings and grew closer to acceptable terms. They were settled in late-night negotiations, leaving the parties exhausted when an agreement was finally struck.

Hamby made it through five minutes of "Succession" before crashing. Entsminger got just three hours of sleep. In Washington, Interior Department officials didn't wrap up until about 2 a.m. on May 22.

The eventual deal was that the Lower Basin would commit to conserving 3 million acre feet over three years — 13 percent of its allocation of the river. Of that, 2.3 million acre-feet would be compensated, amounting to $1.2 billion in federal funds. The environmental review process would continue but by analyzing the new plan.

On May 22, after the deal was announced, Entsminger said his state's modeling shows the agreement keeps reservoirs higher over the next three years than the two alternatives it replaced because it front-loads water savings this year and next.

He said he felt "very solid comfort" that the deal would be implemented, even though Lower Basin states haven't finalized exactly where the water savings will come from.

THE WORLD

Royal wedding fever grips the Middle East

Jordan's Prince Hussein and his Saudi architect bride are often compared to Britain's Will and Kate

BY ADELA SULIMAN

The Middle East is buzzing with wall-to-wall media coverage as Jordan celebrates the lavish royal wedding of its heir to the throne and his fiancée, a Saudi architect.

Crown Prince Hussein, 28 — the son of King Abdullah II and Queen Rania — wed Saudi aristocrat and New York-qualified architect Rajwa al-Seif, 29, on Thursday, following a tradition of cementing ties between the two kingdoms.

The pair are often likened in the press to Britain's Prince William and his wife, Catherine, Princess of Wales — who touched down in Jordan's capital, Amman, to attend the nuptials with other global royals and dignitaries. First lady Jill Biden, a friend of Queen Rania, attended the glamorous event before traveling on to Egypt and Morocco.

Wedding fever took over the streets of Amman: Buildings were adorned with flags and pictures of the beaming royal couple, while flocks of people prepared to watch the wedding of the year broadcast live on large public screens. Jordanians were given a two-day holiday, with free public concerts and fireworks displays to celebrate the occasion.

"Anyone walking in the streets or browsing social media can witness an unprecedented level of celebration," said Mohammad Asfour, who lives in Amman and is a sustainability expert. "To many, the wedding doesn't only symbolize a sacred bond between two people in love but a bond between two nations that share a long border and a longer history — to them it symbolizes Jordan's future."

However, despite the glittering affair, Jordan, like other Middle Eastern nations, is weathering a tough economic climate. In contrast to some of its neighbors, the country is largely devoid of natural resources and relies on tourism and foreign aid. It suffers from rising unemployment, debt and soaring food and energy prices that have led to protests. It also contends with a large refugee population.

Here's what to know about Thursday's celebration.

Who is Crown Prince Hussein?

Hussein has a degree from Georgetown University in international history and has trained at Britain's prestigious Sandhurst military academy, marching in the footsteps of other global royals.

He is a modern-day royal, with over 4 million followers on Instagram, where he has shared behind-the-scenes posts of his mom baking, a state visit to Japan and a FaceTime with his little sister. In one post dedicated to his bride-to-be's birthday, he gushes about how much he is "looking forward to a life of love, compassion and commitment with you."

Hussein was confirmed as crown prince at age 15. But in 2021, palace intrigue heightened when the government accused Abdullah's half brother, former crown prince Hamzah bin Hussein, and his associates of sedition, claiming he was cooperating with foreign entities to pursue a plot to destabilize the kingdom.

Abdullah has ruled the country since 1999 and cultivated strong military and political ties with several U.S. administrations that have viewed Jordan as a stable ally in the region.

Who is the bride, Rajwa al-Seif?

Seif, meanwhile, has inspired a media frenzy in the Middle East, with her appearances and clothes often dissected and analyzed online. She received her architecture degree from Syracuse University in New York in 2017. A video shows her graduating to loud cheers from the audience as she crosses the stage in shiny silver sneakers.

She also studied at a fashion institute in Los Angeles, speaks fluent English, Arabic and French, and reportedly enjoys art and horseback riding.

At a bridal henna party this week, Rania called Seif "the sweetest and most beautiful bride-to-be" and said she was the answer to her prayers for her son.

"To our entire Jordanian family: Our joy is one and the same," she told the nation of 11 million. "Hussein is your son as much as he is mine — you are his family, and this is your celebration."

Where was Jordan's royal wedding?

The pair wed at the historic Zahran Palace in Amman, where the prince's parents also married, according to the Royal Hashemite Court. After they were married by a sheikh and signed the papers, ululations flooded the room — a celebratory tradition in many Middle Eastern countries, especially at weddings. Then, the royal pair took part in a procession accompanied by a royal motorcade toward the Husseiniya Palace for a banquet reception.

What was Jordan's royal wedding day like?

The wedding day was filled with pomp and ceremony and had an official logo and online hashtag, #CelebratingAlHussein. "The land of the Hashemites beams with joy," wrote one excited commentator online.

U.S. climate envoy John F. Kerry also attended. Other foreign dignitaries on the guest list included royals from Japan, Belgium and the Netherlands.

No details of how the couple first met have been made public, but they became engaged in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, last August, according to the Associated Press, in a ceremony attended by both families.

This is the second royal wedding in Jordan this year. In March, the prince's younger sister, Princess Iman, married Venezuelan financier Jameel Alexander Thermiotis in a ceremony that also captured public attention.

Sarah Dadouch contributed to this report.



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TOP: Rajwa al-Seif, 29, who has an architecture degree from Syracuse University in New York and speaks fluent English, Arabic and French, waves to well-wishers from a car before her marriage to Jordan's Crown Prince Hussein, 28. ABOVE: A band plays as part of Thursday's festivities. Among the dignitaries at the wedding was first lady Jill Biden, who was then going on to Egypt and Morocco.

DIGEST

CANADA

Americans, S. Africans to help fight wildfires

More than 300 firefighters from the United States and South Africa are heading to Canada in the coming days to help the country battle an unprecedented wildfire season.

Federal officials said at least 100 U.S. firefighters will be arriving in Nova Scotia over the weekend to help battle wildfires that have forced about 21,000 people from their homes since Sunday.

Another 200 firefighters arriving from South Africa will probably end up in Alberta, though officials say the wildfire situation in the country is fluid.

In Nova Scotia, two major fires that remain out of control — one in suburban Halifax, the other in the southwestern corner of the province — have already destroyed at least 200 homes and cottages.

Still, fire officials announced Thursday that the fire near Halifax had been 50 percent contained and that it had not grown on Wednesday.

The latest contingent of arriving international firefighters will be joining hundreds of their colleagues from countries including the United States, Australia and New Zealand who already were in Canada battling fires.

Officials said there have been no deaths or injuries as a result of the fires.

— Associated Press

GERMANY

Police see attacks rise on climate protesters

Figures released by German police showed a sharp increase in the number of violent attacks on climate protesters in Berlin recorded this year compared with last year.

Police in the capital said they opened 66 investigations into motorists suspected of committing crimes against members of the activist group Last Generation during the first five months of 2023. Eighteen such investigations were launched during all of last year.

Last Generation's tactic of blocking streets has drawn ire from some drivers, who have used force to clear activists off the road.

Berlin police said 17 cases of suspected bodily harm and 13 cases of serious bodily harm have been recorded this year, up from eight and two, respectively, in 2022. Other investigations concerned suspected coercion, criminal insult, theft and property damage.

— Associated Press

SENEGAL

Opposition leader acquitted of rape

Senegalese opposition leader Ousmane Sonko was convicted of corrupting youth but acquitted on charges of raping a woman who worked at a massage parlor and making death threats against her.

The court sentenced Sonko to two years in prison. He did not attend his trial in the capital, Dakar. His lawyer said a warrant had not been issued yet for the politician's arrest.

Sonko placed third in Senegal's 2019 presidential election and is popular with the country's youth. His supporters maintain his legal troubles are part of a government effort to derail his candidacy in the 2024 presidential election.

Sonko is considered President Macky Sall's main competition and has urged Sall to announce that he will not seek a third term.

Corrupting young people, including using one's position of power to have sex with those under age 21, is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to more than $6,000.

Under Senegalese law, Sonko's conviction would bar him from running in next year's election, said Bamba Cisse, a defense lawyer.

After the verdict, clashes erupted throughout the country. At least one person was killed in the Casamance region, the government said.

— Associated Press

Mexican authorities find 45 bags of remains: Authorities in northern Mexico have found 45 bags containing human remains in a gorge on the outskirts of Guadalajara and are trying to determine how many bodies are there. The bags found at a forest overlook contained remains of men and women, the state prosecutor's office in the western state of Jalisco said in a statement Wednesday night. Firefighters and the civil defense worked with a helicopter to recover remains from the gorge and planned to continue during the coming days. Authorities had been looking for seven young people reported missing last week when they found the site, but it was still unknown if theirs were among the remains found.

Five charged in Lebanon in Irish peacekeeper's death: Lebanon's military tribunal charged five men in the killing of an Irish U.N. peacekeeper in December, a senior judicial official said. The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity in line with regulations, alleged that all five are linked with Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. The indictment followed a six-month probe after an attack on a U.N. peacekeeping convoy near the town of Al-Aqbiya in Lebanon's south, a stronghold of Hezbollah. The shooting resulted in the death of Pvt. Seán Rooney, 24, of Newtown Cunningham, Ireland, and seriously wounded Pvt. Shane Kearney, 22. Two other Irish soldiers suffered light injuries. Hezbollah has denied any role in the killing.

Archaeologists discover Greece's oldest site: Researchers have discovered Greece's oldest archaeological site, which dates to 700,000 years ago and is associated with modern humans' hominin ancestors. The find in a coal mine in the south would drag the dawn of Greek archaeology back by as much as a quarter of a million years. The Greek site was one of five investigated in the Megalopolis area during a five-year project involving an international team of experts, a Culture Ministry statement said. It contained rough stone tools from the Lower Paleolithic period — about 3.3 million to 300,000 years ago — and remains of an extinct species of giant deer, elephants, hippopotamus, rhinoceros and a macaque monkey.

Israeli wounded in bombing 22 years ago dies: An Israeli woman who was critically wounded in a 2001 suicide bombing at a Jerusalem restaurant has died, an Israeli hospital said Thursday. Her death marks the 16th fatality from that attack. Hana Nachenberg was 31 at the time and dining with her 3-year-old daughter on Aug. 9, 2001, when a Palestinian bomber walked into a Jerusalem pizzeria and blew himself up, Israeli media reported. She was in a coma for nearly 22 years until she died Wednesday, reports said. Her daughter was not hurt in the attack — one of the most infamous in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that came amid surging violence between the sides during the second Palestinian intifada.

— From news services

NATO nations plan long-term military deals for Ukraine

Deterrence pacts would serve as alternative to letting Kyiv into alliance

BY MISSY RYAN, CATHERINE BELTON AND EMILY RAUHALA

OSLO — The Biden administration and its NATO allies are developing plans for securing ongoing military support to Ukraine beyond the country's current offensive, hoping that long-term security pacts will create a strong deterrent against future Russian aggression and potentially alter the battlefield calculus of President Vladimir Putin.

The evolving proposals represent an alternative to granting Ukraine admission into NATO in the near term, a prospect that has divided member states between those who support Kyiv's request for immediate entry into the Western military alliance and those who fear it could plunge the bloc into direct conflict with Russia.

Officials from NATO nations, many of whom who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal planning, described proposals for bilateral or multilateral agreements with Ukraine which they characterized as mutual defense pacts or security memorandums along the lines of those that have channeled billions of dollars a year in U.S. military aid to American ally Israel.

Following a months-long effort to secure donations of Western tanks, missiles, air defenses and other equipment that Ukrainian forces need for their planned operation — which some U.S. officials say is already underway — the Biden administration's focus is now "how do we maintain that strength after the counteroffensive?" a senior U.S. official said.

"What we really want to do is send an unambiguous signal to Putin that regardless of what happens in the West in the coming couple of years, the West will remain supportive of Ukraine's defense for as long as it takes," the official said.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, speaking after talks among NATO foreign ministers in the Norwegian capital on Thursday, said member states strongly supported Ukraine's eventual inclusion in NATO. But despite intensive advocacy by the government of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, the bloc is not expected to issue a formal membership invitation at a summit of alliance leaders in Vilnius, Lithuania, next month.

Stoltenberg said Ukraine's supporters must not only continue to provide arms needed to win the war, but also chart a post-conflict course. "When it ends, we need to ensure that we have the frameworks in place to ensure that this is not a pause in the pattern of Russian aggressive actions," he said.

Officials have said the proposed agreements would involve locking in multiyear commitments to provide funding and weapons and potentially formal promises to come to one another's aid if attacked. They would also serve to insulate Ukraine from major political shifts in the West or intensified calls to curtail aid, like those some U.S. Republicans have made.

U.S. officials for months have referred to a "porcupine model" that would arm Ukraine and make it capable of repelling Russian attacks, like Israel has attempted to do over decades as a deterrent to surrounding Arab states and Iran. Crucial in Israel's strategy has been a series of 10-year memorandums with the United States that commit what amounts to more than $3 billion a year in security aid. The most recent memorandum was finalized in 2016.

The United States has provided Ukraine with nearly $40 billion in security aid since the war began.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, speaking in Oslo, said Ukraine's supporters were working to maximize its ability to recapture territory this year.

"We're also focused on helping Ukraine build up its medium- to long-term deterrence and defense capacity, so that if and when the current aggression settles, Ukraine has the full capacity to deter and, if necessary, defend against future aggression," he told reporters, suggesting details would emerge in coming weeks. Blinken is scheduled to give a speech in Finland on Friday about the U.S. outlook nearly a year and a half into the war.



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Members of the 406th Separate Artillery Brigade prepare to load a howitzer. The United States and its NATO allies are working on multiyear commitments to Ukraine to provide funding and weapons.

According to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, a patchwork of security agreements could provide Ukraine "deterrence by denial."

"What is important is that, at the end, there is clarity. Clarity that Ukraine's friends will be there for the long haul for Ukraine's security," she said this week at a conference in Bratislava, Slovakia.

French President Emmanuel Macron issued his own call for security guarantees in Bratislava. "We have to build something between the security provided to Israel and full-fledged membership," he said.

The timeline for such arrangements and their details — including, importantly, how they would work given Russia's control of roughly a fifth of Ukrainian territory — remains unclear. U.S. officials said the deals, if they materialize as planned, were unlikely to be cemented before the Vilnius summit.

Alexander Vershbow, a former deputy NATO secretary general who is now a fellow at the Atlantic Council, said the goal would be to arm Ukraine "to the teeth."

"This could gain further traction as alliance policy at the NATO summit in Vilnius, even though membership would be the ultimate destination," he said.

Eric Ciaramella, a former White House official who is now a fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said a security framework would show Putin that the West's support will not fade as war fatigue sets in or as political leadership changes, an idea which appears to be a key plank in Russia's strategy.

"We need to start laying out a more sustainable and predictable framework that takes a lot of what we've been doing so far and codifies it ... in a way that shows Putin that we mean it when we say we're in it to support Ukraine for the long haul," Ciaramella said.

While President Biden has had strong support in Congress for his campaign of massive security aid to Ukraine, a minority of Republicans have argued against continuing high levels of assistance to Ukraine.

Such deals would fill a void while haggling continues over Ukraine's NATO membership, a process that could take years and is vulnerable to veto by members such as Hungary and Turkey, which have more friendly relations with Moscow.

They would also provide the arms industries in Europe and the United States the funds and demand needed to increase production of vital weaponry, which remains a major challenge 15 months into the war.

Some former officials cautioned that such agreements should not be seen as a substitute for the formal security guarantees enshrined in NATO's Article 5, the bloc's mutual defense clause. They note that Ukraine, unlike Israel, faces an adversary that is the world's largest nuclear power.

Andrea Kendall-Taylor, a former deputy national intelligence officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council, said anything short of a security guarantee would keep Ukraine in what she said was a "gray zone" the former Soviet republic has occupied since the end of the Cold War.

"The porcupine plan should not be a replacement for Article 5," she said. "It has to be both."

Gen. Richard Barrons, former commander of the British military's Joint Forces Command, cautioned that a highly armed Ukraine, without the constraints of NATO membership, could have other, more problematic outcomes for the West.

"A properly rearmed Ukraine would be a strong deterrent to Russia, but it would be possibly tempted to have its own adventure," Barrons said. "The best answer from a Ukrainian perspective, if not necessarily from a Western perspective, is to have Ukraine in NATO, because then the guarantees are clear and difficult to dodge, and also Ukraine has to subscribe to NATO ambition and policy, so the adventurism is less."

Planning occurs as officials in some NATO nations attempt to temper expectations about what Ukraine's long-awaited offensive will look like and what it will achieve. Leaked American defense documents show that the U.S. government, in analysis early this year, said it would be difficult for Ukraine to make anything more than modest gains due to manpower and equipment challenges.

Announcing such deals in the coming months could also counteract a failure by Ukrainian forces to recapture large amounts of territory this year. As the operation gets off to a gradual start, the senior U.S. official suggested that even modest gains could have an impact on Putin's calculus in Ukraine.

"At the end of the day, they're going to again show Putin that his claims that these territories have been illegally annexed by Russia are false. He doesn't control all of them now, and he's going to control less of them by the fall," he said. "That ultimately will be a strong signal to Russian elites, and to President Putin, that the momentum in this over the long term is not in his favor."

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Famous Australian soldier loses defamation case over war crimes allegations

Three newspapers had reported that he killed Afghan prisoners

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER

SYDNEY — Australia's most decorated living soldier lost a high-profile defamation complaint against three of the country's top newspapers Thursday, with a judge deeming they had proved that Ben Roberts-Smith killed unarmed prisoners while deployed in Afghanistan.

The decision was a dramatic end to a case that spanned more than 100 days of often startling testimony, cost more than $15 million and raised fresh allegations of atrocities committed by Australian special forces in Afghanistan.

The judgment was a major victory for the Sydney Morning Herald, the Age and the Canberra Times — and, said experts, for Australian journalism and the public interest. It was also welcomed by advocates for Afghan victims, who said survivors and victims' families deserved to know the truth.

Roberts-Smith — a retired corporal in the Special Air Service, or SAS — was not in the Sydney courtroom where Justice Anthony Besanko said the newspapers had established the truth of their claims. A summary of his decision was posted online, with the full judgment delayed until Monday so the government could review it for sensitive information that might affect national security.

But in his summary, Besanko said he found it to be substantially true, as per the newspapers' reports, that Roberts-Smith:

- Murdered an unarmed man by kicking him off a cliff and ordering soldiers to shoot him.
- Committed murder by pressuring a newly deployed and inexperienced SAS soldier to execute an elderly, unarmed Afghan to "blood the rookie."
- Committed murder by machine-gunning a man with a prosthetic leg.
- Was so callous and inhumane that he took the prosthetic leg back to Australia and encouraged other soldiers to use it as a novelty beer-drinking vessel.
- Authorized the execution of an unarmed Afghan by a junior trooper.
- Assaulted three unarmed Afghan men on separate occasions.
- Bullied a fellow soldier with threats of violence.
- Broke the moral and legal rules of military engagement.
- Disgraced his country and the Australian army by his conduct.

Roberts-Smith did not release a statement after Thursday's judgment. Arthur Moses, his lawyer, was tight-lipped when journalists outside the courtroom asked about his client's reaction or why he did not attend. "We will consider the lengthy judgment that his honor has delivered and look at issues relating to an appeal," Moses said.

Under Australian law, Roberts-Smith is now responsible for all parties' legal costs.

The 6-foot-8-inch soldier shot to fame in 2011 when he was awarded the Victoria Cross for Australia — the country's highest military honor — for almost single-handedly saving fellow troops after they had been pinned down by Taliban machine gun fire during a 2010 operation.

The medal was followed by additional accolades, including lucrative speaking engagements, two portraits in the Australian War Memorial and the Father of the Year title in 2013. The 44-year-old attended the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II last year, after the palace extended an invitation to Victoria Cross and George Cross recipients across the Commonwealth.

In the minds of some Australians, Roberts-Smith embodied the values of courage and sacrifice set by Australian soldiers since World War I.

He epitomized the idea of the "perfect soldier," said John Blaxland, a professor of international security and intelligence studies at the Australian National University and a former Australian army officer. "Tough, resilient, sharp, intellectually capable, who can take whatever is thrown his way and still get the round on target and come home in time for tea and medals."



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Ben Roberts-Smith, second from left, stands at attention before the start of an Australian Football League match in Perth in 2013. The retired corporal is Australia's most decorated living soldier.

But that myth began to unravel in 2018, when the three newspapers reported that Roberts-Smith had been involved in the killing of six prisoners while on duty in Afghanistan between 2009 and 2012, and detailed the other abuses.

Roberts-Smith called the allegations "a catalogue of lies, fabrications and misrepresentations" and sued the newspapers for what he said was falsely portraying him as a war criminal.

In a nation that prides itself on its outsize service in overseas wars, the case quickly assumed its own outsize symbolism. It pitted a towering war hero, who claimed he was the victim of jealous colleagues, against some of the nation's top investigative journalists, who argued in court that their reporting was accurate.

That legal defense transformed the defamation proceedings into a de facto war crimes trial, as more than three dozen witnesses testified about killings that occurred more than a decade ago on the other side of the world.

Defamation laws are far stricter in Australia than in the United States, where public figures must prove actual malice on the part of news media, noted David Rolph, a law professor at the University of Sydney. A law passed in 2021 enables media in much of Australia to defend themselves by arguing that what they publish is in the public interest, but the change came too late for this case, he said.

"Because truth is the only defense here, rather than picking over what the journalists did, the focus of the trial has been on whether he did it or not," Rolph said.

That meant that Roberts-Smith sat through months of civil testimony that often felt like a criminal trial.

A junior member of his patrol testified, for example, about the man being kicked off the cliff and shot — a claim backed up by three Afghans who appeared in court remotely. But Roberts-Smith and another soldier denied that version of events, and instead said the man was a Taliban scout who had been lawfully killed.

Roberts-Smith similarly denied wrongdoing in four other killings and claimed a sixth never occurred.

In closing arguments, Roberts-Smith's attorney sought to remind the court that his client was not in the defendant's box.

At times the proceedings threatened to tarnish Roberts-Smith further by raising new allegations.

His ex-wife accused him of burying evidence in a child's lunchbox in their backyard, including USB drives with classified information and photos of soldiers drinking out of a prosthetic leg. Roberts-Smith denied burying the USB drives or withholding information, but he acknowledged possessing them. He admitted to burning a laptop with gasoline but denied it was to conceal evidence.

Perhaps most shocking, a friend of Roberts-Smith claimed there were three more alleged killings to which the soldier had been linked.

Roberts-Smith has not been charged with a crime, but Australian media have reported that he is one of three SAS soldiers who are the focus of an ongoing investigation by the Office of the Special Investigator, which was created in the wake of a scathing 2020 report by the inspector general of the Australian Defense Force that found Australian special forces had committed war crimes in Afghanistan.

In March, an SAS soldier was arrested and charged with "war crime — murder" for allegedly fatally shooting an unarmed Afghan in a wheat field in 2012. It is the first case of its kind, authorities said.

On Wednesday, the head of the ADF told lawmakers that the United States has warned it may suspend cooperation with Australian special forces because of the mounting war crimes concerns.

For some Afghans, Thursday's decision was a rare opportunity to shed light on allegations of wrongdoing by U.S. coalition forces during the two-decade conflict, which ended in 2021 when the Taliban regained control of the country.

"Survivors and victims' families have a right to full disclosure of the truth and acknowledgment of the harm caused by Australia's military operations," said Hadi Marifat, the executive director at the Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization.

"Investigative journalism has been critical in uncovering the truth and raising public awareness about what took place. Australia's response must be receptive to the needs and priorities of victims," he said in a statement sent to local media.

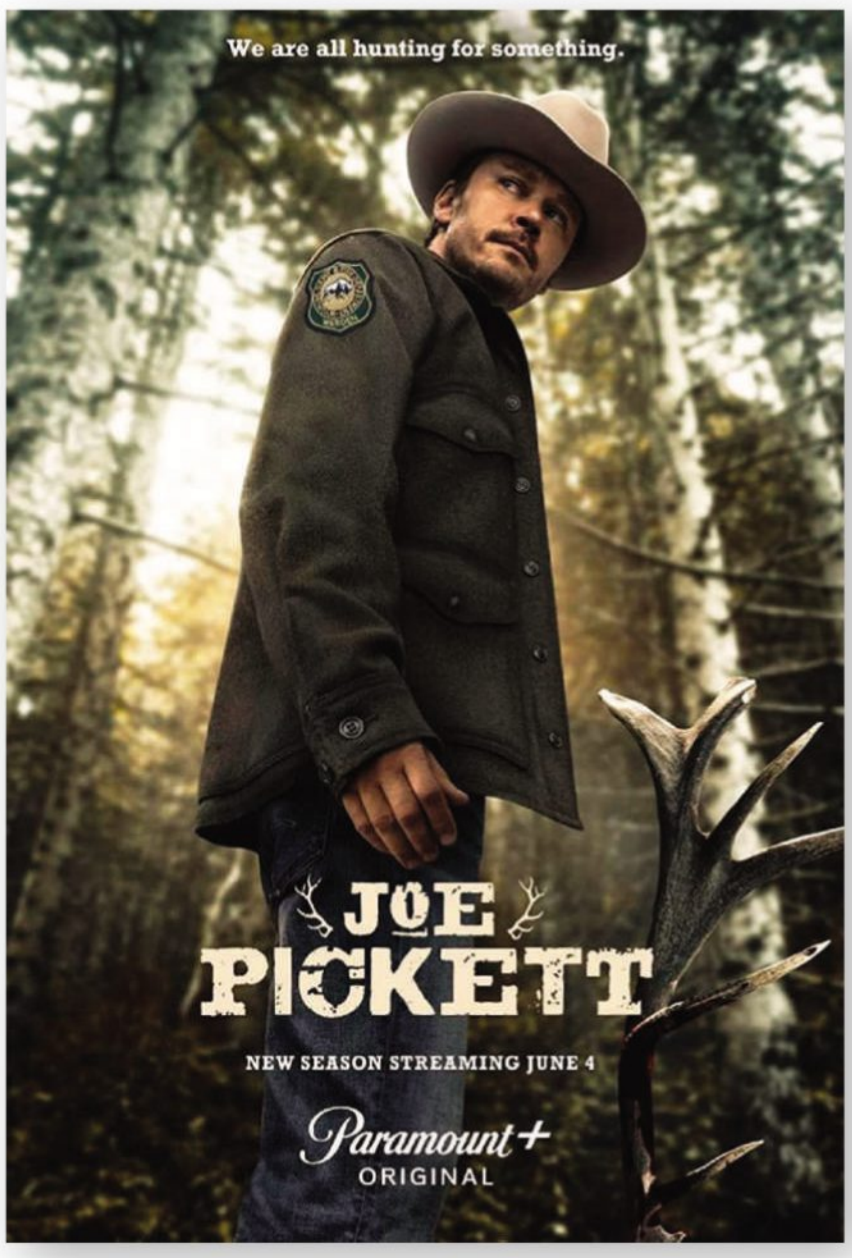
The media outlets hailed the decision as a "critical step towards justice" for families of the Afghan villagers and a "vindication for journalists."

Nick McKenzie, one of the victorious journalists, demurred when asked outside the courthouse what should happen to Roberts-Smith's medals. "What is clear," he said, "is that Ben Roberts-Smith is a liar."

Ben Mckelvey, a journalist who has written a book about Australian special forces operations in Afghanistan, said the defamation trial had provided a valuable window into the hazy rules governing the U.S.-led "kill/capture" program, which was supposed to only target Taliban leaders but soon consumed the SAS's time.

Australia needs to launch a royal commission — akin to a U.S. congressional inquiry — to understand whether commanding officers or politicians knew about or even condoned the alleged war crimes, he said.

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China gives Musk hero's welcome, and a message for U.S.

Tesla CEO appears to agree with warning against 'decoupling'

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD AND MEAGHAN TOBIN

China would like more American executives like Elon Musk, please.

During a whirlwind 44 hours in Beijing and Shanghai, the Tesla and Twitter CEO was celebrated by Chinese Communist Party commentators as an ally opposing a perceived American campaign to separate the world's two largest economies.

"Decoupling from China means decoupling from opportunity, decoupling from the future," wrote Xiake Dao, a blog affiliated with the People's Daily, the party's official newspaper. "Even if the White House agrees with arguments for decoupling, the Musks [of the world] will not agree."

Musk, making his first trip to China in three years, apparently felt the same (even though Twitter is blocked in China and Musk did not tweet while in the country). He told the foreign minister that China and the United States were "conjoined twins" with inseparable interests, according to Chinese readouts.

The trip has been a propaganda win for Beijing's intensifying campaign to signal openness to foreign investment after months of unpredictable, politically motivated crackdowns stoked fears that the business environment was worsening.

So far, China's promises haven't quelled international corporations' alarm over an updated counterespionage law and raids on global consulting firms in recent weeks, during which employees were detained in at least one of them. Even the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has warned that "China's stated policy of openness and desire to attract new foreign investment and exports" from the United States is not without risk.

But Beijing is rolling out the red carpet for visiting American executives — and not just Musk.

JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon and Starbucks CEO Laxman Narasimhan have also been in the Chinese capital this week, shoring up their own business interests at the same time Beijing is trying to woo the American business lobby, which has traditionally opposed Washington's more hawkish China policies.

Musk's itinerary included all the usual flourishes of China's hospitality — lavish dinners and meetings with senior officials — as well as a touch more geopolitics than is usual for an executive.

On arriving in Beijing on Tuesday, he went directly to a meeting with Qin Gang, China's foreign minister and former ambassador to the United States.

In a room usually reserved for meeting diplomatic counterparts, Qin pledged open markets for businesses from all countries and then deployed a string of car metaphors to urge a positive turn in Chinese-U.S. ties.

Progress requires "holding on to the steering wheel," avoiding "dangerous driving" by "stepping on the brakes" when necessary and "putting the pedal to the metal" when appropriate to "promote mutually beneficial cooperation," he said.

Musk also met with the ministers of commerce and information technology in Beijing, which pumped up the Tesla's stock price as analysts predicted that the trip would help the electric carmaker weather intense competition from local rivals.

The red-carpet treatment continued with a welcome banquet attended by the chairman of China's leading battery manufacturer, CATL, and a dinner theme of "Horse-Extraordinary." It was a pun on the first character of Musk's Chinese surname — ma, meaning horse.

The menu was fit for a king — as Musk reclaimed his position Thursday as richest person in the world, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Guests were served 16 dishes with intriguingly translated English names like "Dendeobium and Jellyfish Head in Seafood Sauce," "Stim-fried Lily and Luffa," and "Laotan Pickled Cabbage Geoduck," according to pictures of the menu that circulated widely on Weibo, the country's answer to Twitter.

Musk was also greeted with cheers and applause — and even a few heart-shaped hand gestures — when he paid a late-night visit to Tesla's Gigafactory in Shanghai.

Even with the showy reception, no new deals were announced during the trip, and a rumored meeting with Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who as former Shanghai Communist Party boss was instrumental in allowing Tesla to set up a factory in China, never materialized.



TINGSHU WANG/REUTERS

Elon Musk, on his first trip to China in three years, leaves the Commerce Ministry on Wednesday. Beijing is also wooing other U.S. CEOs.

Tesla has been credited with igniting Chinese consumer interest in electric cars with the opening of its Shanghai factory in 2019, deepening competition among dozens of Chinese rivals and sparking a wave of sales that surpassed government targets last year for electric vehicle penetration.

But Tesla has had to repeatedly cut prices in China as Warren Buffett-backed rival BYD became the best-selling electric vehicle brand in the world and the top overall auto brand in China by sales.

In Beijing on Tuesday, Musk said he was willing to expand his business in China. In April, Tesla announced plans for a new factory that will produce its Megapack energy storage system in Shanghai.

But a planned expansion, which would have boosted the output of the existing vehicle factory, remains uncertain amid rising inventories, price cuts and reported concerns in Beijing over Tesla's connections to satellite internet service Starlink, another Musk venture.

Musk is far from the only American executive to take advantage of China's only recently opened borders to talk up local business and play down the risks of geopolitics.

Chinese state media has hailed a "craze of coming to China" that began in March with the China Development Forum, which drew Apple CEO Tim Cook, Nestlé CEO Mark Schneider and Qualcomm CEO Cristiano Amon, among others.

"Coming and staying in the Chinese market is not a question of wanting to or not," wrote the state-run Beijing Business Daily. "It's a question of necessity."

Some American companies appear to agree.

Narasimhan, of Starbucks, used his first overseas trip since taking up the role to tell reporters in Shanghai on Tuesday that he hoped China would one day be the company's largest market, as the coffee seller aims for 9,000 stores in the country by 2025.

Yet, amid the worst tensions between China and the United States in decades, being a foreign executive visiting China can mean navigating an increasingly hazardous minefield to avoid offending either Beijing or Washington.

JPMorgan's Dimon, who faced a Chinese backlash in 2021 after joking that his bank might outlast the Chinese Communist Party, used a visit this week to call for "real engagement" between China and the United States on trade policy.

"Let's not try to decouple. Let's not try to hurt China," he told JPMorgan's Global China Summit in Shanghai, where he also met the city's Communist Party boss.

At the same time, he warned of the dangers of "uncertainty" caused by Chinese government policies and praised official talk in Washington and Europe of "de-risking," rather than decoupling, the trade relationship with China.

For Chinese state media, however, this new term remains politically incorrect. "At first glance, de-risking seems to be a common and nonpolitical term in the business world, but in essence it is nothing more than a softer way to call for decoupling from China," another People's Daily commentary said on Thursday.

Musk's decision not to tweet while in China was also interpreted by critics as a cautionary step to avoid angering his hosts.

"Despite his self-proclaimed detest for censorship and willingness to challenge it, he is behaving properly for his CCP host," tweeted Yaqiu Wang, China researcher at Human Rights Watch, using an acronym for the Chinese Communist Party.

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With tensions high in Kosovo, prime minister criticizes rebukes from allies

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS

Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti on Thursday criticized "harmful" statements from Washington and other allies rebuking his government for heightening tensions in majority-Serb areas of the country, but he said he is set to meet Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic amid efforts to de-escalate.

The meeting — on a date not yet finalized — was being organized by European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, Kurti said. His comments in a video interview with The Washington Post came as Secretary of State Antony Blinken reiterated a call for both Kosovo and Serbia to take action to reduce tensions.

Germany and France also called on Kosovo to hold new elections in majority-Serb areas of the north that have been the focus of the unrest, including clashes that resulted in injuries to more than 30 NATO peacekeepers. The scenes of violence have fueled concerns of a return to more intense conflict in Kosovo, where the 1998-1999 war claimed more than 10,000 lives.

U.S. officials have expressed deep frustration with Pristina over events in recent days. Blinken said last week that Kosovo's decision to use police to forcibly install ethnic Albanian mayors in four majority-Serb municipalities "sharply and unnecessarily escalated tensions." As punishment, Washington expelled Kosovo from taking part in planned military exercises, while threatening to end international lobbying for the country's recognition.

It represents a thorny turn for relations between Washington and Pristina. The United States has been a strong supporter of Kosovo's independence from Serbia, declared in 2008 — a move Belgrade never recognized. Among other holdouts in recognition are five E.U. countries: Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.

"United States of America is our indispensable ally, friend and partner," Kurti said. "We are eternally grateful and thankful for their role, for our liberation and independence, for our security and defense, for our development and democracy. But now it is also the time to speak our democratic truth to authoritarians in power."

Kurti said he understands the West only wants keep the peace: "But when you're dealing with the far right, with ultranationalists and very dangerous authoritarian regimes, statements that are intended to keep peace just keep emboldening the authoritarian figures."

Kosovo blames Serbia for fomenting the "violent mob" that demonstrated against the mayors being installed. Officials note that a Serbian police officer was among those arrested.

Kurti said Kosovo had little choice but to install the mayors — despite one coming in with little more than 100 votes after a Serb boycott meant turnout was less than 4 percent. "Who else can go in these offices?" he said.

But the United States saw the move as a provocation. "We've been very clear about our concerns about some of the recent actions that were taken," Blinken said during a trip to Oslo on Thursday. "We've said that directly to leaders involved, including Prime Minister Kurti."

Vucic on Thursday called for the withdrawal of the "alleged mayors" from their positions. Arriving at the European Political Community summit in Moldova, he said removing them would be a "powerful move" toward resolving the crisis.

Vucic met with Kosovo President Vjosa Osmani during the summit, French President Emmanuel Macron said in a news conference Thursday. France and Germany are calling for elections to be repeated in the four municipalities, Macron said, describing their mandate as "obviously not legitimate."



MARTIN DIVISEK/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti attends a security forum Wednesday in Bratislava, Slovakia. Majority-Serb areas in the north of Kosovo are seeing clashes and other unrest.

In his interview ahead of the request from Germany and France, Kurti conceded that these are mayors "with a small m." He said that he expects there is "no way" they will see out their two-year mandate but he pushed back against their removal, saying he "cannot surrender" to the demands of a "fascist militia."

For early elections to happen, there also needs to be "rule of law," he said, adding that a new vote is likely to face a similar boycott.

Germany and France are also calling for a settlement of the issue of increased autonomy for the majority-ethnic Serb areas, which was agreed to by Pristina a decade ago but has not been implemented — one of the reasons for the boycott.

"Each party will now consult on their side and come back with clear answers next week," Macron said.

Kurti says that the agreement is unconstitutional but that Kosovo is willing to work toward an "appropriate level of self-management" for the Serbian community as outlined in an E.U. proposal for normalization this year.

Kurti has been pushing for an increased NATO peacekeeping presence in the country since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, amid concerns that Moscow would use its strong links to Serbia to stir unrest on a different front in Europe. Following the clashes late last month, NATO dispatched a further 700 troops to Kosovo, which has had a peacekeeping presence for nearly 25 years.

Kurti said he won't bend to international requests to remove police from the municipal buildings until the protesters are dispersed or arrested.

"If these violent mobs are out in Serbia or in imprisonment, then we could decrease," he said, suggesting the number of police could be brought down to "single-digit" figures.

Beatriz Ríos in Brussels contributed to this report.

U.S. imposes sanctions on Sudan military groups over cease-fire violations

BY AMY B WANG AND MIRIAM BERGER

The United States is imposing economic sanctions against warring military forces in Sudan over ongoing fighting in the northeast African country that has violated multiple cease-fire agreements.

The White House also said Thursday that it would impose visa restrictions "against actors who are perpetuating the violence" in Sudan, where fighting between the Sudanese armed forces and the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary broke out in April.

"These measures are intended to hold accountable those responsible for undermining the peace, security, and stability of Sudan," national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in a statement.

The Treasury Department announced U.S. sanctions on four companies that American officials said are generating revenue from the conflict in Sudan: Al Junaid Multi Activities and Tradive General Trading, which are associated with the RSF; and Defense Industries System and Sudan Master Technology, which are associated with the Sudanese armed forces.

"We are cutting off key financial flows to both the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese Armed Forces, depriving them of resources needed to pay soldiers, rearm, resupply, and wage war in Sudan," Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen said in a statement. "The United States stands on the side of civilians against those who perpetuate violence toward the people of Sudan."

Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced and hundreds of civilians killed since the violence began April 15 — when a rivalry between Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the military chief and de facto head of state, and Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, known as Hemedti, who heads the RSF, exploded into open conflict.

Though the United States and Saudi Arabia helped broker a week-long cease-fire in late May, fighting has continued in Sudan, hindering the delivery of humanitarian assistance and hurting the civilians who need aid the most, Sullivan said. The Sudanese army said Wednesday that it was suspending peace talks with the RSF, days before the latest cease-fire extension is set to expire.

"The scope and scale of the bloodshed in Khartoum and Darfur, in particular, is appalling," Sullivan said, referring to Sudan's capital and the western region long plagued by ethnic violence.

"The Sudanese people did not ask for this war. The United States will continue to stand with them," Sullivan said. "We will continue to support their rightful demand for a transition to democracy."

The fighting broke out in April two weeks ahead of a deadline for the Sudanese military and RSF to agree on an internationally backed power-sharing agreement. The two rivals joined forces in a coup in 2021, ousting Sudan's prime minister elected in the wake of the 2019 revolution.

Weeks later, millions of Sudanese remain without access to clean water, electricity, food, health care or any way to safely move around the country.

"A cease-fire in Sudan is critically important to providing humanitarian aid," said Steve Taravella, senior spokesperson at the U.N. World Food Program. "The situation right now is very precarious."

Since restarting operations in early May, WFP has provided 670,000 people with emergency food assistance, Taravella said. Over the weekend, with the shelling and gunfire reduced, WFP was able to distribute aid to previously inaccessible parts of Khartoum, among other areas, he said.

But even with the U.S.- and Saudi-brokered cease-fire, sporadic fighting and violence have continued. The latest cease-fire — the seventh since the war began — is set to expire Saturday.

"We are assessing the situation day by day," Taravella said.

Siobhan O'Grady contributed to this report.

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The Computex Taipei expo in Taiwan. The self-governing island is home to fewer people than Texas but is critical to the world's economy.

U.S. trade deal is first step with Taiwan

Despite drawing China's ire, modest agreement doesn't change tariffs or address issue of double taxation

BY DAVID J. LYNCH AND VIC CHIANG

The United States and Taiwan signed a modest trade agreement Thursday, underscoring Washington's commitment to the self-governing island that China claims as its own.

The partial accord, covering issues such as customs forms, regulatory practices and anti-corruption measures, falls short of a traditional trade deal. It does not change tariffs on traded goods and does not address Taiwanese complaints about double taxation in the United States, which will be tackled in separate talks with the U.S. Treasury.

Still, the agreement represents the first tangible progress under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade, which the Biden administration launched last year. Additional negotiations on labor, environmental and digital trade rules are scheduled for the remainder of this year.

"It's a significant milestone in the U.S.-Taiwan economic relationship. We've never really had a written agreement with them containing actual commitments before," said Wendy Cutler, vice president of the Asia Society Policy Institute and a former U.S. trade negotiator.

Though home to fewer people than Texas, Taiwan is a critical node in the global economy. Its semiconductor industry produces 92 percent of the world's leading-edge computer chips, according to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo.

In recent years, U.S. imports from Taiwan have been growing faster than exports. U.S. customers purchased $92 billion worth of Taiwanese products in 2022, up more than 69 percent from 2019 levels. U.S. companies sold almost $44 billion in products to Taiwan, representing a 40 percent gain from the pre-pandemic mark.

The deal comes as tensions over Taiwan, which Beijing regards as a renegade province, remain high. Chinese President Xi Jinping has called the reunification of Taiwan and the mainland "a historic mission." Some U.S. military leaders have warned that China could try to regain control of the island by force in the next few years.

Efforts to boost commercial links between the United States and Taiwan are part of a broader campaign to discourage Beijing from acting. Over the past year, top U.S. officials — such as then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Rep. Mike Gallagher, the Republican chair of the House select committee on China — have visited the island.

"Its economic impact is very limited but, combined with other actions including highly visible meetings between U.S. and Taiwanese officials, its diplomatic impact could prove meaningful," said attorney John Veroneau of Covington & Burling, a former U.S. trade negotiator.

China has repeatedly warned the United States against deepening its official ties with Taiwan. Despite its limited scope, the agreement signed on Thursday drew an immediate rebuke from Beijing.

"The U.S. should stop any form of official exchanges between the U.S. and Taiwan, refrain from negotiating agreements with Taiwan that have sovereign connotations and are official in nature, and refrain from sending any false signals to the 'Taiwan independence' separatist forces in the name of economic trade," said Mao Ning, a spokeswoman for the Foreign Ministry in Beijing.

The United States began work on a Taiwan trade deal last year, shortly after starting a separate negotiation with 13 countries called the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. That deal also lacks traditional market access provisions, a feature that has sparked complaints from American business groups.

Though Taiwanese officials also would prefer a deal that facilitated trans-Pacific commerce by lowering tariffs, Taipei is intent on completing a package that produces "the high-standard commitments and meaningful outcomes" that the United States is seeking.

"This is only phase one of the agreement, and it is mostly the low-hanging fruit — the easiest things to agree on. Phase two will be more significant but also more difficult, though I do think they'll finish by the end of this year," said William Reinsch, a trade specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The partial agreement was signed by officials from the American Institute in Taiwan, the de facto U.S. Embassy in Taipei, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States, which represents the Taiwanese government in Washington.

Consumers shouldn't store funds on payment apps, regulator warns

Money kept on Cash App or Venmo may be lost if firms fail, agency says

BY JULIAN MARK

A federal consumer watchdog on Thursday warned consumers not to store money on payment apps such as Venmo, Cash App or PayPal, because that money is not automatically insured by the government and could be completely lost if the companies fail.

"Popular digital payment apps are increasingly used as substitutes for a traditional bank or credit union account but lack the same protections to ensure that funds are safe," Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Rohit Chopra said in a news release Thursday.

He added that his agency is closely examining payment app companies that "sidestep the safeguards" imposed on traditional banks and credit unions.

That scrutiny comes as a growing number of Americans prefer to make payments without cash and are adopting payment apps. According to an October 2022 Pew Research Center survey, 76 percent of U.S. adults have used a payment app at least once, although 34 percent of users say they're not confident payment app companies can keep their personal information safe. One in 10 users said they had fallen victim to a scam, according to the survey.

In its advisory, the CFPB recommended that users move money off their payment apps and into their bank accounts.

But that growth in popularity has come without sufficient measures to keep users' money safe, the agency said. For one, funds kept in payment app accounts are often not insured — meaning that if the money is somehow stolen, or if the payment app company fails, customers may not be reimbursed.

Moreover, payment companies have less oversight than traditional banks in how they store and invest users' funds, allowing payment companies to possibly invest in risky assets, the agency said. "The company can earn money on these investments, while generally paying no interest to you," the agency wrote in a consumer advisory, adding that an unregulated company could be exposed to risk that is not clearly communicated to its customers.

If one of these companies fails, the CFPB wrote, "your money is likely lost or tied up in a long bankruptcy process."

But accounts with payment apps are "safe and transparent," said Miranda Margowsky, a spokeswoman for the Financial Technology Association, whose members include PayPal and Cash App parent company Block.

"FTA members provide clear and easy-to-understand terms in all their products and prioritize consumer protection every step of the way," she said.

PayPal, which owns Venmo, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Block also did not respond to a request for comment.

In August 2022, the CFPB wrote in federal court documents that it was investigating Block over Cash App's handling of customer complaints, although it's unclear whether Thursday's report is directly related. The agency said Thursday that it would not confirm or deny "any ongoing investigatory or supervisory work."

The agency's new report comes in the wake of several failures of traditional and nontraditional financial institutions, in which consumers and businesses lost control of their assets or came very close. In November, cryptocurrency exchange FTX filed for bankruptcy after investors rushed to empty their accounts, which totaled some 9 million. Those assets were not insured by the government, and many investors are still attempting to claw back their money in bankruptcy court. The FTX collapse followed the failure of other crypto institutions in 2022 in which investors lost money.

But traditional financial institutions — such as Silicon Valley Bank and First Republic Bank, which both failed this year — are also vulnerable to bank runs. The CFPB noted that these incidents highlighted the "importance of federal deposit insurance coverage," although the vast majority of Silicon Valley Bank's deposits were uninsured because they exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s $250,000 limit. The bank's depositors were covered only because the government took the extraordinary step to intervene.

Still, the CFPB noted, those "events have spurred renewed attention on the varied types of financial institutions consumers use and the extent to which consumers' funds at those financial institutions are protected from losses."

In latest sign of weakening consumer demand, Macy's cuts full-year outlook

BY AARON GREGG

Macy's slashed its full-year sales guidance on Thursday — the latest sign that increasingly cash-strapped consumers are pulling back on spending.

The retailer reported net sales of nearly $5 billion in the fiscal first quarter, a 7 percent decline from the same period a year ago. Net income came in at $155 million, well below the $286 million recorded in 2022.

Consumer demand weakened significantly in the first half of the year and has crimped sales more than expected, according to Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette.

"We planned the year assuming that the economic health of the consumer would be challenged, but starting in late March, demand trends weakened further in our discretionary categories," Gennette said in a statement.

The retailer's full-year guidance for net sales previously stood between $23.7 billion and $24.2 billion in early March. The revised guidance is now between $22.8 billion and $23.2 billion.

Noting that it's the fourth consecutive quarter of falling sales, GlobalData managing director Neil Saunders described the company as "in full retreat," with its pandemic-era growth firmly in its rearview mirror.

"Worryingly, the pace of decline has accelerated in a sign that the business is starting to struggle against the backdrop of a tightening economy," Saunders said in a client note.

Macy's is being swept up in a broader pullback in retail spending as consumers continue to feel the squeeze of rising prices and higher interest rates. A recent report from the Census Bureau showed that retail sales inched up 0.4 percent in April, a smaller increase than analysts had expected. "Discretionary" sectors like apparel, home furnishings and sporting goods were especially weak.

Other retailers have been hit hard as well. Target, which relies heavily on discretionary categories, saw its total sales increase just 0.5 percent in the first quarter compared with last year. Home Depot suffered a sales decline of 4.2 percent in the first quarter. Nordstrom, which released first-quarter results on Wednesday, posted an 11 percent decline in revenue for the year even though it beat analysts' expectations.

However, some retailers — especially discounters — are seeing growth. Walmart reported that comparable U.S. store sales had jumped 7.4 percent year-over-year in the most recent quarter, while e-commerce was up 27 percent.

Macy's may be particularly vulnerable to consumer pullback, Saunders said, because of its reliance on middle-income consumers. But he also noted issues with business execution, describing the recent string of negative results as a return to the company's pre-pandemic norm.

"In this kind of environment retailers need to entice customers into buying," Saunders wrote. "Macy's is not well positioned to do this as things like displays, assortments, and the general ambiance of many stores is substandard. If anything, Macy's provides consumers with excuses as to why they should not purchase things."

Gennette said in the company's earnings release that Macy's has moved quickly to manage its expenses and meet current demand. The revised guidance includes price markdowns on clearance items, he added.

Macy's was trading near $13.90 a share, up more than 2.2 percent.

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TECHNOLOGY

Apple's retail plans reach deeper in China

Apple is working on plans to expand and revitalize its retail chain, aiming to push deeper into China and other parts of Asia while overhauling established locations in the United States and Europe.

Through 2027, the iPhone maker is discussing opening 15 new stores across the Asia-Pacific region, five locations in Europe and the Middle East, and four additional outlets in the United States and Canada, according to people with knowledge of the deliberations. The company is also aiming for six revamped or relocated stores in Asia, nine in Europe and 13 in North America, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the matter is private. In total, the company is proposing 53 new, relocated or remodeled stores over the next four years.

Apple looks to bring fresh luster to its 22-year-old retail operation, which is one of the world's most venerated chains but also has contended with pandemic woes, customer service problems and labor unrest in recent years. The idea is to build Apple's brand in growth markets, such as India, while also giving consumers in the United States and Europe a better experience.

The most notable new stores under discussion or in development include three sites in India, the company's first outpost in Malaysia and an upgrade to Apple's historic location in the Opéra shopping area of Paris, according to the people. The company is also soon opening a store at the Battersea Power Station in London by its new local headquarters and is planning an additional location in Miami. And there's a flagship store slated for the Jing'an Temple Plaza in Shanghai.

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AUTOMAKERS

Mexico tries to lure car manufacturers

Mexico has talked to some of the world's biggest manufacturers of cars, auto parts and steel about opportunities to invest in a narrow strip of land in southern Mexico, according to the nation's top trade official.

The government has pitched General Motors and Toyota Motor among others eyeing opportunities in the Interoceanic Corridor, Economy Minister Raquel Buenrostro said in an interview Wednesday.

The corridor, a flagship project of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, is intended to connect a port in the Gulf of Mexico with a Pacific port via a rail link lined with industrial parks. Authorities hope the development could one day rival the Panama Canal and are trying to tempt potential investors with a favorable tax structure.

The project is part of a push by López Obrador to attract business to Mexico's less-developed southern states, instead of having it concentrated in central and northern parts of the country.

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In case there was any doubt, the lower-income U.S. consumer is in full retreat. Dollar General's shares plunged about 20 percent — the most on record — after the discount retailer slashed its annual profit forecast, citing rising economic pressures on its shoppers. The deteriorating outlook underscores the worsening picture for Dollar General's customer base of lower-income shoppers who, like many consumers, are shifting their spending to basic goods and cutting back on discretionary purchases. Rival discount chain Dollar Tree cut its own profit outlook last week, and bigger retailers such as Target have warned of weakening sales trends. Dollar Tree chief executive Jeff Owen laid out a series of challenges to lower-income consumers, from food inflation to the removal of the child tax credit and higher interest rates.

Salesforce stock tumbled the most in almost six months after the software company signaled it isn't growing as fast as it used to while shifting its focus to generating higher profits. The shares slipped 4.7 percent to $212.90 at the close Thursday in New York, the steepest one-day decline since Dec. 5. Salesforce on Wednesday gave a lackluster outlook for future sales and maintained, rather than raised, its annual revenue forecast. The stock drop came despite the company reporting revenue, earnings and operating profit margin in the fiscal first quarter that topped analysts' estimates. Even with Thursday's fall, the shares have rallied about 60 percent this year, making Salesforce one of the best-performing stocks in the S&P 500. After a tumultuous six months that included job cuts and executive departures, Salesforce had been winning back the faith of many shareholders.

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Senate passes debt ceiling bill, ends threat of U.S. default

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gency supplemental funds to ensure our military capabilities are sufficient to deter China, Russia, and our other adversaries."

The Senate vote of 63-36 capped off weeks of talks that moved in fits and starts — and at times dissolved altogether. As the June 5 default deadline ticked closer, negotiators from the White House and the House GOP clashed over government spending, work requirements for federal programs and a slew of other policy differences. The final 99-page bill lost some support from far-right lawmakers and some liberal Democrats. But its final passage marked an end to months of partisan squabbles over raising the debt ceiling — and averted economic catastrophe.

"Our work is far from finished, but this agreement is a critical step forward, and a reminder of what's possible when we act in the best interests of our country," President Biden said in a statement after the vote. "I look forward to signing this bill into law as soon as possible and addressing the American people directly tomorrow."

In the Senate, four Democrats and Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) voted no, while 44 Democrats and Angus King (I-Maine), who caucuses with them, and Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) voted yes. On the GOP side, 17 Republicans voted yes, and 31 voted no. The bill needed 60 votes to pass.

"Democrats are feeling very good tonight," Schumer said after the vote. "We've saved the country from the scourge of default. Even though there were some on the other side who wanted default, who wanted to lead us to default."

In a statement after the vote, McConnell credited House Republicans' efforts for avoiding a default and curbing "Washington Democrats' addiction to reckless spending that grows our nation's debt."

The Senate was largely sidelined during the negotiations — a dynamic that senators made clear to reporters and in floor speeches on Thursday. But the chamber moved quickly to approve the legislation after an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote in the House on Wednesday night. Senate leaders set the threshold for any amendments high enough that none of them were adopted, allowing lawmakers disgruntled with the deal to air their concerns without derailing the bill.

The Senate voted on a total of 11 amendments, 10 from Republicans and one from a Democrat, before approving the deal. Earlier in the day, some Republicans urged an increase in defense spending. Others, like Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), pushed for deeper spending cuts. Sen. Susan Collins (Maine), the top Republican on the Appropriations Committee, called on Schumer to commit to bringing all 12 appropriations bills to the floor, in response to a provision in the deal that would set up additional automatic spending cuts if they aren't passed. In a statement, Schumer and McConnell pledged to "seek and facilitate floor consideration of these bills."

And Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) wanted to remove a provision that would fast-track a controversial pipeline that would carry natural gas across part of his state.

Even so, the Senate showed there was little appetite for changes that would require sending the legislation back to the House. Earlier on Thursday, Schumer said such a move "would almost guarantee default." The Treasury Department has warned that the country would run out of money to meet all its payment obligations on June 5 — Monday — without any legislation, and revisions to the bill probably would have meant it couldn't pass until later next week.

By the time the vote on final passage came, Schumer had been exhorting his colleagues to vote faster and faster on each amendment, calling out the total time of each vote and cheering any that were finished in less than the 10 minutes allotted.

"America can breathe a sigh of relief, because in this process we have avoided default," Schumer said in floor remarks before votes began Thursday night. "From the start, avoiding default has been our North Star."

The deal approved Thursday night, which was struck days earlier by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and Biden, suspends the debt ceiling until January 2025. But the past few months have revived questions about whether Congress can avoid negotiating on the debt ceiling ever again. Democrats have repeatedly tried to repeal or rethink the debt ceiling, but they've encountered resistance each time. Worldwide, only Denmark handles its debt ceiling anything like the U.S. government does. The vast majority of nations have no ceiling.

Meanwhile, Biden has said he might eventually seek to declare the nation's borrowing limit incompatible with the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which says that the federal government's debts must be paid, and try to get courts to back him.

But it remains to be seen whether anything changes over the next 18 months. Marc Goldwein, senior vice president and senior policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, said the debt ceiling drama was yet another example of Capitol Hill "governing by crisis." By the time 2025 rolls around, he said, it's more than likely that negotiations will once again come down to the wire, resurfacing the question, "Why didn't we do this sooner?"

In the House, many liberal Democrats opposed the bill, objecting to curbs on government spending and to new work requirements for some recipients of federal food stamps and family welfare benefits. Far-right Republicans also harshly criticized the agreement for not securing more aggressive spending cuts.

The final agreement does very little to balance the budget. The agreement cuts spending by $1.5 trillion over the next 10 years, according to a Congressional Budget Office analysis released Tuesday. The deficit reduction for 2024 is expected to be about $70 billion, in addition to $4.4 billion in deficit reduction for the rest of 2023. Zoomed out, those savings wouldn't offset the country's largest expenses, which include Social Security, Medicare and the military, which weren't affected by the deal. Any side agreement to separately add money for the military might eat up some of those savings, too.

Even as party leaders acknowledged they didn't get everything they wanted, the final bill passed with bipartisan support.

"I thought the bare number of Democrats needed would turn up, but that did not happen," said Michael Strain, director of economic policy studies at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, referring to the House vote. "At the same time, McCarthy did it not just with a majority of the majority, but a supermajority of the majority — about two-thirds of Republican members. That's also pretty impressive."

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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) departs a GOP Senate luncheon Thursday on Capitol Hill. He and Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) promised defense hawks before the debt deal vote that any further Pentagon needs could be met later.

How House Democrats went from angry at to rallying around the White House

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A week ago, House Democrats were furious at what they saw as an abdication of the political battle in the negotiations with Republicans on a debt and budget deal.

In a caucus meeting May 23, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.) told Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) that Biden needed to deliver a national address to attack the GOP's threats to tank the global economy and impose bad policy on the working poor.

Yet, when the final vote was finally held late Wednesday, Democrats delivered 165 votes — almost 80 percent of the caucus — in favor of the Biden-led compromise. That's a bigger haul than Republicans, who provided 149 votes, or two-thirds of their caucus.

And that came hours after Democrats bailed House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) out by helping clear a procedural hurdle that traditionally is only passed with votes from the majority.

"This deal is far from perfect, it does still have impact on people that I represent and all across the country, but it avoids some of the most cruel proposals that were made by Speaker McCarthy and the House Republicans," Rep. Steven Horsford (D-Nev.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, told reporters Wednesday in between the procedural vote and final passage.

"For that reason, I made sure that we had the votes to get it done."

The change in tone served as a remarkable turnaround for a House caucus that is younger, more diverse and more liberal than the octogenarian president who previously served 36 years in the Senate. Despite those differences, House Democrats appreciate the president more than outsiders realize.

"This is yet another time that Biden was underestimated and delivered, and it's in a long line of them," Rep. Darren Soto (D-Fla.) said after the final vote.

And the support signaled an embrace by rank-and-file Democrats of the new House leadership trio of Jeffries, Minority Whip Katherine M. Clark (D-Mass.), and Caucus Chairman Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.) who had less than three decades of combined experience when they took over in January.

"I think the leadership did a good job. I think Jeffries speaking in the caucus ... was very compelling about how this bill had to pass," Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), who served 20 previous years as the caucus's No. 2, said of the new minority leader.

Not every Democrat is happy. After the final vote, about a dozen members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus held a news conference on the House steps to blast what Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.), the chairwoman of the caucus, called "hostage-taking" by Republicans. And some Democrats who are usually reliable leadership allies suggested that even small concessions to this crop of Republicans only encourages future threats against the federal government in exchange for conservative policy wins.

"You can celebrate all you want tonight because you dodged a bullet, but there are plenty of bullets headed your way now," Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) said after voting against the bill.

But over just a few days, the overall sentiment of the caucus shifted dramatically toward supporting the measure due to an effort led by Jeffries, Clark and Aguilar in coordination with advisers to Biden.

This trio, all first elected to office in 2012 or after, replaced three octogenarians who had more than 105 years' experience combined: Hoyer, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.). The three elders are Biden's contemporaries and have genuine friendships dating back decades.

In Biden's first two years in office, rank-and-file House Democrats sometimes felt neglected, as so much of the president's agenda hung on how a few centrist senators voted. But they developed strong ties to his first chief of staff, Ron Klain, a longtime figure in Washington politics, and they had a deep connection to Biden's legislative affairs office, including a former top aide to Hoyer, Shuwanza Goff.

And they knew that Pelosi, Hoyer or Clyburn could deliver a blunt message, if necessary.

This year, however, Klain left and was replaced by Jeffrey Zients, a millionaire who never worked on Capitol Hill, and Goff left for the private sector. Many rank-and-file Democrats began to worry they were being taken for granted by the White House.

That worry turned into anger in mid-May as Biden traveled through Japan and his top advisers adhered to the old school way of negotiations — staying quiet — while McCarthy and his deputies kept giving public portrayals of the talks going their way.

Early last week, after much venting, the new Democratic leadership team took its own more aggressive approach in the media. And once the deal was announced last weekend, Aguilar's team ran conference calls and Zoom sessions between administration officials and lawmakers.

Slowly but surely, Democrats realized something: The final deal avoided the disaster of defaulting on the debt, averted most of the conservative policy pain that Republicans initially demanded, and actually secured a few key wins for the Democratic agenda.

"Both on their extreme cuts, plus the threat of defaulting in America, you see what we were able to prevent. And in this deal, then you realize that we didn't fare so bad," Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-Calif.) said.

Far from McCarthy's public characterization of "zero" wins for Democrats, liberals found a few things to like. Even the increased work requirements for some welfare recipients were offset by expanded eligibility to veterans and some other at-risk adults.

"That is a permanent benefit, whereas the increase in the age requirement is something that will sunset," Horsford said. "We need to do our job to win the majority back so that we can repeal that onerous requirement."

Ruiz served as the lead sponsor of the Pact Act, legislation to help military members exposed to toxins from burn pits. He recalled his discussion last year with Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), who oversees the panel funding veterans issues, in which they both had concerns about long-term funding for the program.

Republicans in the debt ceiling deal agreed to a total of $45 billion in funding over the next two years in the account for this program.

"We have permanently funded a guaranteed health-care fund for toxic-exposed veterans. It's just, it's historic," Wasserman Schultz said Wednesday.

She credited the party's messaging effort, soon after the late April passage of the GOP's initial plan to cut $4.8 trillion in funding, as critical to highlighting how those reductions would have inevitably led to steep cuts to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Republicans in districts that Biden won in 2020 panicked at that line of attack, prompting GOP leaders to promise to protect VA funding in the final compromise.

"It happened because we shamed them into it," Wasserman Schultz said.

By the time Democrats gathered with Biden's team in its basement meeting room in the Capitol on Wednesday morning, the mood had shifted heavily toward supporting the compromise. Jeffries explained they needed to vote yes because it is "the right thing."

"They may have won a handful of skirmishes," Jeffries told Democrats, according to the notes of a Democrat in the room who provided them on the condition of anonymity to detail internal conversations.

"We won this battle," he added.

The only drama left was helping McCarthy clear the initial procedural vote, given he faced dozens of no votes on his far-right flank. If that vote failed, the entire legislation would stall.

Jeffries declined to address what concessions he received in exchange for helping pass the procedural step from McCarthy, who publicly denied any deal had been hatched.

Clark's whip team pulled together a few dozen Democrats willing to join Republicans, and they gathered in the well of the House. The Democrats collected green cards (to vote yes) and red cards (no), awaiting the call from leadership how to vote.

Democrats only needed to give McCarthy 30 votes, but instead, once Jeffries waved a green card toward them, more than 50 rushed forward to vote yes, to advance the bill to its overwhelming passage later that night.

One of those holding a green card, voting with Republicans and for Biden, was Jackson Lee.



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House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), along with Minority Whip Katherine M. Clark (D-Mass.) and Caucus Chairman Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.), led the effort to pass the debt limit compromise.

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FRIDAY OPINION

How makers of inhalers keep prices so high

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Millions of Americans rely on inhalers to help them breathe. These products have existed for more than 65 years, but pharmaceutical manufacturers have used legal and regulatory strategies to keep prices artificially high. Americans will continue to spend billions of dollars unnecessarily on inhalers — unless Congress and the Food and Drug Administration finally intercede on behalf of patients.

"Inhalers" refer to a class of medications sold together with their delivery devices (known as drug-device combinations) that treat asthma and the smoking-related lung condition chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Riker Laboratories developed the first modern inhalers in 1955, drawing inspiration from aerosolized hairspray to replace clunky delivery apparatuses then in wide use.

Over the years, the FDA approved dozens of new inhalers. Between 2000 and 2021, manufacturers earned more than $178 billion of revenue on these products in the United States alone. Of the 50 drugs with the highest gross Medicare Part D spending in 2021, seven were brand-name inhalers. Manufacturers' prices remain high, and with most products designed to last just one month, prescription costs can run to several thousand dollars per year, driving up premiums in commercial insurance plans and straining Medicare and Medicaid budgets.

Patients faced with out-of-pocket expenses related to these high prices sometimes skip doses or stop using their inhalers altogether, which can result in emergency room visits, hospitalizations or even death.

Yet when manufacturers release new inhalers, the devices seldom contain important new medical products. Therapeutic innovation in this market has been modest. The most recent inhaler approved for treating asthma or COPD with a drug aiming at a new target of action in the lungs, Atrovent (ipratropium), arrived in 1986. Every inhaler approved since then with a new active ingredient for asthma or COPD has targeted the same lung receptors as existing therapies.

Only three brand-name inhalers out of more than three dozen now marketed in the United States face any independent generic competition.

So, why are prices still so high? Limited competition. Manufacturers have used the patent and regulatory system to keep generics off the market. Only three brand-name inhalers out of more than three dozen now marketed in the United States face any independent generic competition. The history of inhalers offers a window into deep structural problems that plague the prescription drug reimbursement system.

One industry tactic is to use "product hops," shifting the active ingredients used in an older device facing patent expiration to freshly patented new devices. Voilà: same drug, delivered from a new device. By shifting patients onto newer, patent-protected versions of their inhalers with the same active ingredients as older versions, manufacturers insulate themselves from directly competing generics.

Pharmaceutical companies have also obtained an increasing number of patents on the delivery devices of individual inhalers. Boehringer Ingelheim released an inhaler delivering two drugs (albuterol and ipratropium) marketed as Combivent Respimat in 2011 with 25 patents — all on the device. These device patents can thwart competition because the FDA requires that generic versions employ a user interface that is nearly indistinguishable from the brand-name version. Generic firms must therefore either challenge existing patents, which can result in costly litigation, or wait until patents expire, which can result in lengthy delays.

All told, of the $178 billion that manufacturers earned on inhalers in the United States from 2000 to 2021, about $111 billion of that total came *after* patents on their active ingredients had expired. In a cruel twist for patients with COPD, the market for inhalers has become so lucrative that the tobacco giant Philip Morris International recently purchased an inhaler device manufacturer to treat the very disease the company helped create.

Without reform, the patent gamesmanship that is now pervasive with drug-device combinations will likely persist. In his 2024 budget, President Biden called on Congress to grant the FDA more flexibility in approving interchangeable generic drug-device combinations. If such legislation were to pass, device patents on inhalers would lose some of their potency, since generic firms could design products with the same active ingredients as brand-name versions but with different designs that sidestep existing patents while still providing reliable patient interfaces.

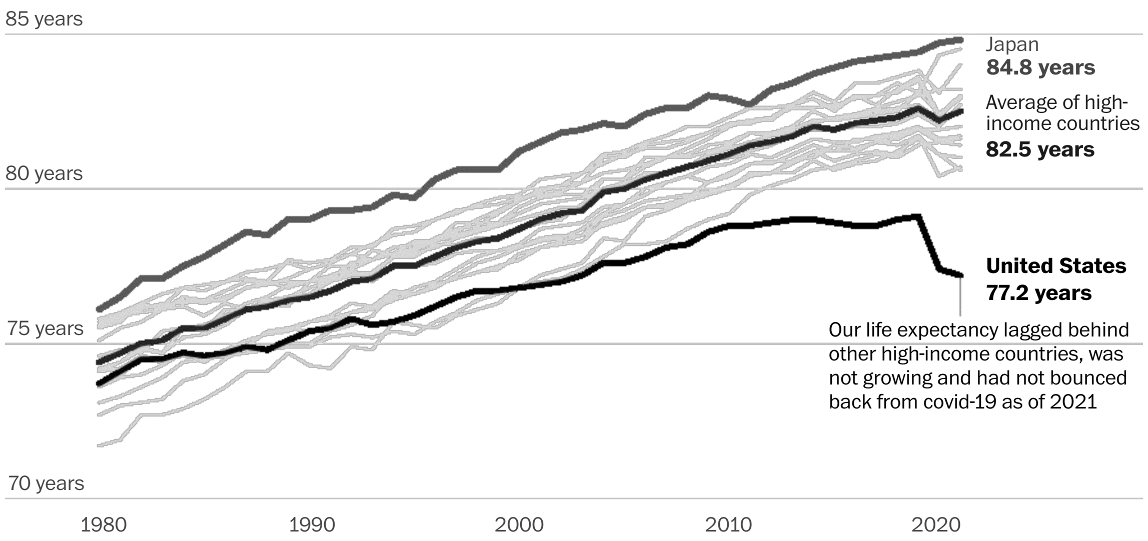
Another helpful solution would be for Congress to update the nearly 40-year-old Hatch-Waxman system for challenging patents. To start, Congress could lengthen the 180-day exclusivity awarded to the first generic firm that successfully challenges patents on complex products such as inhalers, to better incentivize generic entry.

Finally, Congress and the FDA should clarify the types of device patents that manufacturers may list on drug-device combinations with the agency. The FDA has not historically policed the patents brand-name firms submit, but better oversight is needed to prevent abuses. The patent system was designed to promote innovation, not to grant monopolies for small tweaks to devices containing decades-old drugs.

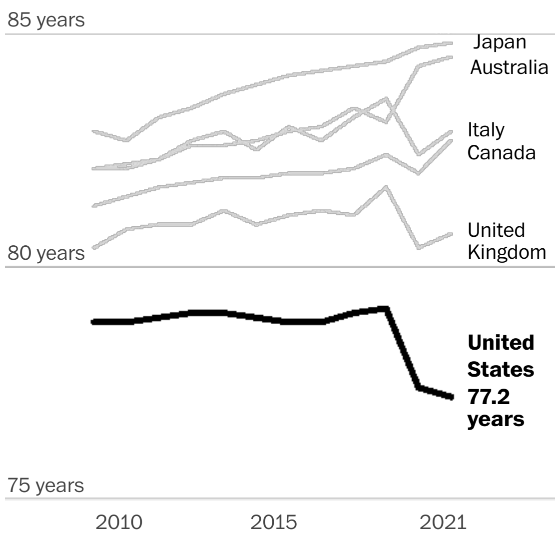
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American life expectancy is dropping — and it's not all covid's fault

Life expectancy in wealthy countries



Life expectancy in selected countries



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.

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Last fall, when federal statistics showed life expectancy had fallen for Americans in 2021 for a second year in a row, it was clear that the devastating covid-19 pandemic was the immediate cause. The coronavirus took the lives of more than 1 million Americans. Life expectancy fell by more than two years — and by twice as much among Hispanic, Black and Native Americans — setting the country back by two decades and producing the most abrupt decline in life expectancy since World War II.

But plotting life expectancy in the United States against that of other wealthy countries reveals three dark insights: Our life spans lag behind those of our peers; our life expectancy was already more or less flat, not growing; and most other countries bounced back from covid-19 in the second year of the pandemic, while we went into further decline.

Ten years ago, long before the world was hit by covid-19, we served as the chair and study director for a landmark report that warned about the "U.S. health disadvantage," a gap in the health and survival of Americans relative to residents of other high-income countries. Released by a committee convened by the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine, the report showed the United States had the lowest life expectancy among peer countries, and higher morbidity and mortality rates for dozens of causes. The disparity had been growing since the 1950s, by some measures, and was pervasive — affecting both sexes, young and old, rich and poor, and Americans of all races and ethnicities.

The committee examined five areas of relative deficiency that are likely contributing to the U.S. health disadvantage: (1) unhealthy behaviors, such as our diets and use of firearms; (2) inadequate health care and public health systems; (3) poor socioeconomic conditions; (4) unhealthy and unsafe environments; and (5) deficient public policies. The last category especially exerts a powerful influence on the other domains — and helps explain why other advanced democracies are outperforming the United States on almost every measure of health and well-being.

In the years before the covid-19 pandemic, as life expectancy continued to increase in other countries, U.S. life expectancy plateaued and then decreased for three consecutive years. Researchers identified a key reason: U.S. mortality in midlife (ages 25 to 64) was increasing, a phenomenon not occurring in peer countries. This, too, became the subject of a landmark report, which cited drug overdoses, alcohol use, suicides and cardiometabolic diseases (e.g., obesity, diabetes, hypertensive heart disease) as leading causes. Enduring systemic racism and health inequities means that the U.S. health disadvantage is particularly acute among people of color, especially Native and Black Americans, whose life expectancy is far lower than that of White Americans.

With the arrival of the covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the long-standing U.S. health disadvantage only worsened. In 2020 and 2021, U.S. deaths were the highest of any country and among the highest per capita. All five domains we identified in the "Shorter Lives, Poorer Health" report contributed to the death toll: Health behaviors (e.g., resistance to masking and vaccinations) facilitated viral transmission and limited vaccine uptake; health-care and public health services were unprepared and rapidly overwhelmed; socioeconomic conditions further deteriorated, especially for poorer Americans, as the economy imploded; aspects of the physical environment heightened viral exposure; and the policy response to the pandemic was deeply flawed and highly politicized. Once again, people of color paid the highest price, with Native, Hispanic/Latino and Black Americans experiencing devastating losses in life expectancy, despite an interesting twist: In 2021, declines were higher among White Americans than in most other groups, perhaps because of greater resistance to vaccination and masking in conservative communities.

Many of us long for a return to pre-pandemic conditions, but the reality is that health conditions in our country then were already dire. One study estimated that, between 1980 and 2019, the U.S. mortality disparity with peer countries resulted in an estimated 11 million excess deaths. A return to "normal" that ignores the U.S. health disadvantage — and its root causes — is certain to claim more lives and further weaken the country.

We know from other countries how to achieve higher life expectancy, since many have enjoyed better results than the United States for decades — and at far lower cost. Better food and nutrition policies, for example, can reduce the prevalence of disease. Common-sense gun-control measures could reduce the injury, death toll and psychological impact of threats from firearms. Better access to health care and behavioral health services would improve our physical and mental condition in the face of rising rates of depression, drug overdoses and suicides. The same goes for access to reproductive, sexual and maternity care. A living wage, a stronger safety net, more progressive taxation and more affordable care for families and children would go far in increasing our economic security — and thus our survival.

Unfortunately, in the United States, these proposals to improve health outcomes are seen by some as radical, if not un-American. A whole host of industries, furthermore, now depends on keeping things as they are: the health-care and insurance industries; manufacturers of drugs, unhealthy foods and beverages, and firearms; and companies responsible for carbon emissions and toxic pollutants.

Unless the country changes course, and soon, the structural conditions responsible for the shorter lives and poorer health of Americans will continue to claim lives and weaken the country. It is not just the old who pay the price. Young and middle-aged Americans are now more likely to die in the prime of their lives, devastating families and communities and taking a hard toll on our economic productivity. Even more disturbing, in a change never recorded in the past century, the probability that children and adolescents will live to age 20 is now *decreasing*. If our country failed to hear the warning we sounded a decade ago, we can at least respond to the pandemic by starting to make the changes that could let more of our children see adulthood — and give the rest of us more years on Earth.

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Race isn't motivating voting like it used to

Recent elections offer a heartening lesson about U.S. politics: Just because voting patterns are racially *polarized* does not mean they are racially *motivated.*

This fact is worth celebrating, as it runs counter to our nation's history. For a long time, White people would not vote for Black candidates under any circumstances. Black people, in return, rarely elected White candidates to represent majority-Black districts. For many of these voters, the color of a candidate's skin was more important than their policies or character.

This sad proclivity was not limited to the Deep South and was true well after the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act became law. For decades, virtually no Black person could win office unless they hailed from districts or cities with majority-Black populations.

Skin color even trumped partisanship in many places. When Harold Washington — then a Black U.S. representative of Illinois — unexpectedly won Chicago's Democratic mayoral primary in 1983, White voters in the city who typically voted for Democrats flocked to the relatively unknown Republican nominee, Bernard Epton. Some White working-class wards voted for Epton by as much as 95 percent; Black wards gave Washington as much as 99 percent. In the end, Washington won with a slim majority.

These extreme patterns faded over the years. But even in 2015, more than 80 percent of Black lawmakers in the U.S. House were elected from districts that were majority-Black or that had large Black populations and were majority-non-White.

Now, racially motivated polarized voting is increasingly becoming a thing of the past. Fourteen new Black Democrats and four Black Republicans have been elected to the House since 2018 in districts with White majorities. While some of these districts have substantial Black minorities, others have no significant Black population to propel Black nominees to victory. Twenty-three of the 58 Black representatives hail from districts where Black voters constitute 30 percent or less of the seat's citizen voting-age population.

This month's Republican gubernatorial primary in Kentucky is further proof of this trend. Attorney General Daniel Cameron, a Black man, easily sailed to victory with almost 48 percent of the vote. He bested two White opponents, state Agricultural Commissioner Ryan Quarles and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Kelly Craft. Craft spent approximately $10 million in her losing effort and hammered Cameron for months in attack ads. None of that mattered to the overwhelmingly White GOP electorate.



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Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron signs a campaign sign following his victory in the Republican primary for governor on May 16 in Louisville.

That doesn't mean racial background is irrelevant. Democrats in Philadelphia, for instance, recently nominated Cherelle Parker, who is Black, to be mayor, but she lost virtually every neighborhood with a White majority. She won by carrying Black and Latino neighborhoods, while four foes, three White people and one Asian American, split more than 60 percent of the vote. Similar racial polarization can be found in other recent citywide elections in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.

One could view these examples as evidence that nothing has changed. But consider this: Philadelphia's Democratic primary had multiple White candidates, something that never would have happened in the 1960s, when a Black mayor was unacceptable to many White people, because it would have risked splitting the White vote. Mayor Eric Adams in New York also faced a strong challenge from a Black woman, Maya Wiley, who was endorsed by notable progressives. In the old days, Black people would have tried to rally around one candidate rather than risk losing.

The margins that these candidates receive in their racial strongholds also suggest evolution. In last year's election for mayor of Los Angeles, for example, White businessman Rick Caruso won in many of the city's White neighborhoods, but Karen Bass, who is Black, beat him by winning between 30 and 45 percent of many of those areas. Caruso also received a strong share of the Black vote, averaging between about 15 and 25 percent in Black-dominated precincts.

New York's Democratic mayoral primary also included cross-racial voting, as Wiley carried progressive White areas in Brooklyn and Queens. Even Chicago has displayed cross-racial voting. Its 2019 mayoral election, for example, resulted in two Black women advancing to a runoff despite the presence of strong White candidates in the race.

All of this suggests that today's racial voting differences have less to do with skin color and more with issue stances and priorities. While the history of racial discrimination and police brutality likely makes Black voters more hesitant to back a White person over a strong Black candidate, Black candidates such as Wiley or Cameron can secure loads of votes from White people who share their views.

Clearly, America still struggles with the legacy of segregation and racial strife. But Americans are using their ballots to show that the country has progressed a lot in a relatively short period of time.

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Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) at a Wednesday news conference after the House passed the Fiscal Responsibility Act to raise the debt ceiling.

Amid dysfunction, achievement

The debt limit deal shows Washington can get essential tasks done — if barely.

THERE'S NOT much to admire about the debt limit suspension bill that the House passed Wednesday and that, as of late Thursday, was poised to clear the Senate.. The entire bill should never have been necessary, since it should have been a matter of routine for Congress to authorize borrowing funds it had already told the treasury to spend. The U.S. and global economies should have been spared the tension over a possibly disastrous default that resulted from the legislation's delay. The House Republican majority's use of the must-pass debt limit law as leverage to extract spending reductions from the White House was wrong in principle and, in practice, produced at best a modest increment in fiscal responsibility.

And yet, adjusted for the prevailing dysfunction of this country's hyperpartisan political environment, the measure's passage represents a major achievement. Confronted with a situation in which vital interests were at stake and failure would have been catastrophic, the two key players, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and President Biden, did the right thing: compromise. Also worthy of praise are the pragmatic Republican and Democratic members of the House who provided the necessary votes for the bill, rejecting purist ideological arguments of their respective parties' right and left wings.

"It's just the reality," said Shalanda Young, director of the Office of Management and Budget and, as a trusted White House negotiator, another of this moment's heroes. "There's not unified government. They have ideas. We have to listen to them. We have to talk about it." Exchanging ideas. Listening. Talking. Who would have thought such things were still possible in Washington?

To repeat: Let there be no moral equivalency between those, such as Mr. Biden, who insisted on a clean debt limit extension and those, led by Mr. McCarthy, who took the full faith and credit of the government hostage. Still, Mr. Biden was wise not to escalate through risky maneuvers such as an unprecedented issuance of debt under the 14th Amendment, and Mr. McCarthy appropriately reciprocated by scaling back his demands. The deal they reached is far better for the country than the one-sided measure the speaker pushed through the House earlier this year, in part because it gives the federal government more borrowing authority for longer: an uncapped amount through January 2025, as opposed to $1.5 trillion through March 2024 in the GOP bill. This will help stabilize both financial markets and the political system through what figures to be a volatile election season.

Otherwise, the bill is a grab bag of provisions both sensible (rescinding unspent pandemic relief money for $30 billion in savings over 10 years) and shortsighted (the GOP-demanded cut for the Internal Revenue Service, which will actually create a net cost of about $1 billion). Most of the projected roughly $1 trillion in savings over 10 years comes from proposed spending caps on a relatively small range of discretionary budget items, rather than structural change to the real drivers of debt and deficits: health care and retirement programs. Paltry as it is, this outcome represents a victory for basic governance when U.S. democracy's capacity for it was increasingly doubtful. The center held. These days, that's not just worthy of note. It's something to celebrate.

Nuclear dangers are rising once more

Here's how the U.S. should respond.

THE WORLD is sliding into a new age of nuclear risk — in which miscalculation or accident could lead to catastrophe. The great progress the nuclear powers made in the 1990s through arms control and nonproliferation, reducing nuclear weapons and securing loose materials, is being undone.

The latest retreat came in Minsk, Belarus, on May 25, when Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and Belarusian Defense Minister Viktor Khrenin signed a formal agreement paving the way for Russia to deploy tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus. These are short-range nuclear weapons such as artillery shells, bombs and missiles for use in battlefield operations — not the long-range weapons deployed on intercontinental missiles. It is not known when Russia will deploy tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, but the agreement seems to represent the latest act of saber-rattling by President Vladimir Putin since he invaded Ukraine last year. Mr. Putin had earlier said that Belarus would have nuclear facilities ready by July 1 and that Russia would remain in control of them. The United States maintains about 100 tactical nuclear weapons at six bases across five NATO countries.



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

A fallout shelter sign on a New York building in 2018.

Thirty years ago, Belarus acceded to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and declared its intent to become a nonnuclear state. By May 1993, it had transferred to Russia the tactical nuclear weapons inherited from the Soviet Union. It sent 81 SS-25 nuclear-armed missiles back to Russia by 1996. The new deployments upend that history. If Russia stations tactical nuclear weapons on Belarusian soil, it could bring Belarus into a nuclear conflict, both as a launchpad and as a possible retaliatory target. Moreover, the deployment appears to be another step in establishing Russia's control over Belarus, with the connivance of its despot Alexander Lukashenko, who has attempted to extinguish the democracy movement there.

Nuclear dangers are growing in other places, too. Anti-Putin militias conducted an armed raid close to the Russian town of Belgorod near the border with Ukraine. Much about the attack is unclear. But Belgorod is known to be the location of a central storage facility for some of Russia's approximately 2,000 tactical nuclear weapons. Western observers do not know to what extent they were exposed to fighting nearby, but the episode is worrisome.

Elsewhere in Ukraine on May 22, the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Europe's largest atomic power station, suffered its seventh power loss since Russia's invasion, leading the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency to warn the plant is "extremely vulnerable." The plant's six reactors are shut down but depend on continuous power supply for cooling. Energoatom, Ukraine's state nuclear company, blamed Russian shelling for the latest outage, which prompted a warning that the plant is "on the verge of a nuclear and radiation accident."

On top of all this, the nuclear arms control treaties that did so much to reduce the danger at the end of the Cold War are now disintegrating. The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty of 1987, the first to eliminate an entire class of nuclear-armed missiles, ended in 2019 with U.S. withdrawal under President Donald Trump over alleged Russian violations.

On Feb. 21, Mr. Putin announced that Russia was suspending its participation in the New START accord limiting strategic nuclear weapons, the last remaining major nuclear-arms control agreement between the United States and Russia in force. Meanwhile, China is rapidly building up its nuclear arsenal, seeking to reach the strategic levels held by Russia and the United States, refusing to enter negotiations and creating an even more complex three-way arms race.

Nuclear dangers have seemed remote since the Cold War ended. But with international tensions rising along with nuclear arsenals, the corresponding risk that mistakes or misunderstandings lead to disaster are increasing. The United States needs to continue trying to minimize the likelihood of such outcomes. The West should plan now for a renewed negotiation push with Russia, if possible, after the Ukraine war and to find ways to entice China to the table. And it is essential that everyone, including Russia and the United States, avoid complacency and carelessness.

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Financial literacy is a weapon

As reported by the May 29 Metro article "District weighs financial literacy for graduation," the Montgomery County school board is considering a financial literacy course as a graduation requirement. This action promises to elevate our young people's future career prospects significantly.

The importance of financial literacy extends beyond personal finance management. It gives students a toolset of abilities that can be used in numerous career trajectories. Take the concept of the time value of money, for example, a fundamental principle that illustrates how money's value decreases over time. Understanding this principle allows students to make informed decisions about long-term financial commitments such as mortgages and car loans. Amortization, the process of repaying debt with a set repayment schedule over a set time, is another fundamental concept. Understanding this idea enables students to make strategic decisions, such as making extra principal payments on a mortgage, to manage their financial obligations better.

Indeed, financial literacy courses are about more than preparing financially responsible individuals; they are about empowering students to understand and leverage financial knowledge for career advancement. In today's competitive job market, understanding industry trends and strategically evaluating job opportunities are invaluable skills.

Consider this as the school board deliberates: A strong foundation in financial literacy is more than a tool; it's a weapon. It provides our students the skills they need not just to participate in the economy but to conquer it. To act strategically. To control their future finances. We owe it to them to give them this fighting chance.

Martin Mulyadi, *Winchester, Va.*

Holding peace hostage

By focusing solely on increasing the lethal capacity of our military, the May 26 editorial, "The nation needs to rethink our spending on defense," sold short its promising headline. We can do better.

The Congressional Budget Office has identified $1 trillion in possible cuts over 10 years that would not affect national security. The People Over Pentagon Act (H.R. 1134) would make $100 billion in such cuts to the 2024 budget.

Furthermore, an in-depth poll by the Federation of American Scientists found that "Americans overwhelmingly do not derive their sense of safety from investments in nuclear or conventional weapons," but prefer spending on crucial domestic priorities such as health care or Social Security.

Ultimately, the answer to massive Pentagon spending is to transition from an armed national security model to a shared human security model, investing in nonviolent measures we know make us safer: addressing human needs and the climate crisis, international cooperation, diplomacy, peace-building and conflict transformation.

Dan Moriarty, *Washington*

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Congress should not forget the Pentagon has never passed an audit. This is not a partisan issue. Oversight of the military budget is a congressional responsibility. Congress must rein in excess and demand an audit. Meanwhile, the uncontrolled Pentagon budget should be cut, making room to fund inexpensive, effective programs that meet human needs. Cutting lifesaving food, housing, health-care and educational programs at home will not make us safer. Cutting funds for diplomacy and foreign aid will not make the world safer.

The State Department has high-impact, low-cost peace-building programs that prevent war and save money. If funded, they would more than offset cuts in military spending. The Complex Crises Fund, Atrocities Prevention Board and reconciliation programs work with local communities to de-escalate conflict, prevent mass violence and genocide, and advance dialogue and compromise between different groups. Small increases will save lives. And money. According to the Institute for Economics and Peace, "Every dollar invested in peacebuilding carries a potential $16 reduction in the cost of armed conflict."

Yet for every $200 of our fiscal 2023 $858 billion defense budget, we spend only $1 on prevention.

Holding food, housing, medical care, education, diplomacy, humanitarian aid and peacemaking hostage to the unrelated debt ceiling is unconscionable. Congress must support our most vulnerable at home and abroad, prevent violence and war, and assure the Pentagon's fiscal responsibility. Otherwise, who are we?

Nancy Bermon, *Nyack, N.Y.*

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Making our own horror

In his May 29 op-ed, "An Army unit like no other aims to master the future of war," Max Boot quoted Gen. James E. Rainey as saying, "I have no expectation we will get it right. The goal is not to get it really wrong. We want to get a 70 percent solution, recognize what we got wrong and *adapt faster than the opponent can.*"

As we weaponize robots and install artificial intelligence in them, we are creating an unpredictable future every bit as fantastic as the one depicted in the Terminator movies. We know that humans struggle with ethical behavior; robots don't — they have no moral compass. What could go wrong?

I would like to paraphrase the general's words: We and our enemies are intentionally engaged in the pursuit of an ever-escalating horror.

Ralph Bolgiano, *Fulks Run, Va.*

Extend care for our veterans

We celebrated our fallen soldiers and honored their sacrifices on Memorial Day. Now, as Michael Ramirez's May 30 editorial cartoon showed, we need to consider how veterans are treated, not how we stand up for them on holidays and at sporting events.

Health care for veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center has deteriorated significantly, with less access, inadequate staffing and very long waits for appointments. Veterans are being advised to leave Walter Reed and shift their health care to the private sector, something I suspect very few of them want.

Contrast this with the continued ease of access to health care at Walter Reed for members of Congress. Think for just one moment: Who is more deserving of care at Walter Reed — those who put their lives on the line for all of us or members of Congress?

Spend time on the ground floor of Walter Reed, watching men and women without limbs, walking or in wheelchairs, who have spilled their blood while serving in the military. We praise our veterans at every opportunity, but we do not provide optimal health care for them. It is well past time to secure adequate funding to increase the numbers of physicians and other health-care workers to provide the access to high-quality health care that our veterans deserve.

We should help our veterans, not just heap praise on them.

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Biden is delivering on his most far-fetched pledge

President Biden this week accomplished what America elected him to do — govern from the center and make deals that solve problems. Progressive Democrats don't seem to like that cooperative spirit, which is a big reason their candidates keep failing to become president.

"The agreement represents a compromise, which means not everyone gets what they want. That's the responsibility of governing," Biden said last weekend in announcing the deal to raise the debt ceiling. It's a defining Biden line.

The president's congenital centrism is easy to criticize, especially in this era of hard, polarizing views. He's a conciliator, a dealmaker who likes to say yes and has trouble saying no. He's also risk-averse, and he avoids escalation when facing potential catastrophe, whether it's war with Russia or a budget default.

But Biden's critics miss the glaringly obvious fact that he is behaving precisely as he said he would. His inaugural address was a pledge to restore normal order. "I know speaking of unity can sound to some like a foolish fantasy," he said, but still, "we can join forces, stop the shouting and lower the temperature."

Join forces with Republicans? Was Biden nuts? Yet gradually over the past two years, dodging brickbats from the left wing of his party, he has done it. First with a bipartisan infrastructure bill, then with a modest gun-control measure, then with the bipartisan Chips Act and finally with the budget agreement. As Biden said on Wednesday, when the House passed the deal, "I have been clear that the only path forward is a bipartisan compromise that can earn the support of both parties."

The most damning criticism of Biden's budget agreement is that he capitulated to Republican hostage-takers threatening to destroy the nation's financial health if they didn't get their way. Progressives wanted the president instead to roll the dice on the untested legal theory that 14th Amendment — which states that "the validity of the public debt . . . shall not be questioned" — renders the debt limit unconstitutional.

The deeper point is that the budget agreement wasn't capitulation but compromise. Biden got the essence of what he wanted, which was an extension of the debt limit without savage cuts to domestic spending. As for the GOP hostage-takers, it's true (and outrageous) that they were holding a gun to the nation's head. But as the FBI will tell you, in a hostage situation, someone needs to negotiate with the crazies — and keep talking until they agree to put down the gun.



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President Biden in the Oval Office on May 9.

What I like best about this deal is that it begins to reestablish a broad bipartisan political center. In the House vote, the agreement was backed by 165 Democrats and 149 Republicans, for a total of about two-thirds of the chamber. The rejectionists included 46 Democrats and 71 Republicans, and a Post analysis showed that they skewed toward the more liberal and more conservative members of each party.

From the start, Biden and his negotiating partner, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), were under attack from their flanks. Democrats argued that negotiators should first agree on a clean debt ceiling extension and then dicker about spending, but Biden lost that round. Republicans wanted to gut non-defense spending, but McCarthy mostly caved on that one.

One memorable moment in the budget drama came when Rep. Chip Roy (Tex.), one of the most fanatical GOP die-hards, sputtered that the deal was "a turd sandwich." Well, a majority of Republicans decided to eat it.

And please, Democrats: Trimming federal spending is not evil. Biden was right to endorse the GOP demand to restrain spending and to temper it so it did the least damage. The ever-growing federal debt (and the crushing interest on it) poses a threat to the nation's financial security. Smart Democrats should plant their flag as the party of fiscal responsibility, ready to raise taxes on wealthy Americans, cut pork-barrel defense spending and reform entitlements.

The deal enhances the stature of the centrist Democrats and Republicans who call themselves the Problem Solvers Caucus, perhaps the least inspiring political moniker of our time. The group of 64 members, evenly split between R's and D's, provided the backbone for compromise. "This vote will happen from the middle out," predicted Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.), the group's co-chair. And so it did.

Biden's atavistic embrace of McCarthy — two White, male Irish Catholics cutting a deal in private — is hardly the summit of American politics. But it was a good-faith negotiation that solved a big problem. "My whole soul is in this: bringing America together," Biden said at his inauguration. He meant it, and this week he delivered.

LEE HOCKSTADER

At least one German politician is serious about arming Ukraine

BERLIN

Germany's current political star is a shortish man so plain-spoken, down-to-earth, stolid and, until recently, widely unknown that some Germans think of him, admiringly, as stinknormal.

Defense Minister Boris Pistorius, in less than five months on the job, has gone from a semi-obscure post running the ministry responsible for security in the state of Lower Saxony to leading Germany's military structures — and the national polls. That he has done so largely on the strength of his blunt determination to overhaul Germany's long-neglected armed forces reflects how dramatically European politics have been turned inside out by Russia's neo-imperial aggression.

Pistorius is a fixture in German media, often shown dressed in camouflage while visiting army bases and chatting with troops in his approachable, direct style. Notwithstanding his popularity, he holds a job notorious for its hair-trigger ejection seat. Many of its previous occupants saw their ambitions derailed by scandal, incompetence or a notoriously hidebound defense bureaucracy.

For Germany to succeed in transforming its anemic military into a dynamic fighting force that could buttress a muscular European defense, Pistorius needs to succeed. That will take a sharp hike in year-on-year defense spending, which many regard as unlikely. It will also require a top-to-bottom cultural revamp inside the defense ministry, a rethink of parliamentary procedures and a rewriting of antiquated procurement rules.

That work is barely underway. And none of it can happen without a tough-minded national determination to shoulder a greater portion of Europe's defense burden. Getting there will require confronting the legacy of German politicians — especially from Pistorius's own Social Democratic Party — who long naively assumed that cultivating economic and diplomatic ties with the Kremlin would be enough to produce a peace-loving Russia.

Pistorius comes to the job with eyes wide open, a departure from decades of Berlin's willful blindness to Russian President Vladimir Putin's predations in Chechnya, Crimea, Georgia, Syria and elsewhere.

When Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who chose him for the job, dithered in January over allowing German Leopard 2 tanks to be sent to Ukraine, Pistorius, just appointed, said he would check inventories to prepare for shipment. With a thumbs-up on tank deliveries from President Biden, Scholz relented days later. In February, Pistorius said bluntly that "Ukraine must win this war," going further than Scholz, who had said only that Ukraine must not lose. While other Western leaders demurred on Ukrainian attacks against infrastructure targets inside Russia, Pistorius said in April it was "completely normal" for Ukraine to launch strikes on Russian soil, especially to block supply routes away from cities and civilian areas.

His measured common sense is a tonic after the equivocations of his predecessor, Christine Lambrecht, who was lampooned for offering 5,000 helmets to Kyiv as Russian troops massed on Ukraine's borders last year. Pistorius, by contrast, was instrumental in crafting a $2.9 billion package of arms and munitions for Ukraine, announced last month. Germany's military commitment to Ukraine, about $4.5 billion since Russia's full-scale invasion last year, is now surpassed among Kyiv's Western allies only by that of the United States and Britain.

But no recent defense minister has managed to reverse the German military's decades-long tailspin. Undermanned, underfunded and unable to replenish arsenals it has depleted to arm Ukraine, the Bundeswehr would run out of ammunition after a few days of intense fighting, and many of its armored vehicles are broken-down heaps. "I am fed up," wrote Germany's army chief, Gen. Alfons Mais, in a social media post when Russian forces invaded Ukraine last year.

No wonder. German military procurement rules reflect a system built for an imagined future of perpetual peace and contain strictures of Escherian complexity that obstruct the armed forces' modernization.

Liability laws and workplace security rules devised for civilian use are applied mindlessly to some military purchases. Under a roughly 40-year-old rule, defense contracts worth more than about $27 million require approval by parliament's budget committee. The works are further gummed up by the Bundeswehr's unwieldy corps of more than 200 generals and admirals, nearly the same number it had at the end of the Cold War, when troop strength was nearly three times the current size.

"Real improvement will not happen until this culture is broken," Nico Lange, a former Defense Ministry chief of staff, told me. "There is no real reform impulse inside the ministry — they have to be pushed from the top down."

What's more, the Bundeswehr, facing a tight national labor market, has made little progress toward its goal of adding 20,000 recruits by 2032, about a 10 percent bump to active-duty military personnel. And there is no serious discussion of one possible fix: granting citizenship to migrants who graduate from German high schools if they serve several years in the military.

Pistorius has no illusions that progress will come easily. He established a working group led by a general to cut red tape and streamline procurement. He pledged to restock inventories by buying weapons off the shelf rather than relying on Germany's ponderous process of developing new systems from scratch. He has shuffled some key personnel.

That's a start, barely. The German public might be swooning over the new defense minister for now. But for Pistorius, the window of opportunity to effect real reform is narrow — and it might shut quickly.

JOSH ROGIN

DeSantis's Ukraine dodge is the opposite of leadership

The war in Ukraine is the most important foreign policy issue facing the U.S. president today — but aspiring candidate Ron DeSantis can't articulate a coherent view. By trying to placate everybody, the Republican governor of Florida is pleasing no one. And his dodging is an insult to the voters he is courting.

Even after officially announcing his presidential run, DeSantis can't give a straight answer when asked about the Ukraine war. In a May 26 Newsmax interview, he praised former president Donald Trump's "instinct" of pushing for a settlement but said he hoped the war would be over before the next presidential inauguration in January 2025. When pressed on what he would do if elected, DeSantis pivoted to China and called on European countries to "do more" for security on their own continent.

Two days earlier, when asked during a Fox News interview what he would do about the Russia-Ukraine war on Day 1 of his presidency, DeSantis said he would first go after "wokeness" in the military. He then reiterated his support for a settlement, without elaborating on what it would look like or how he would get there. In DeSantis's campaign launch event last week on Twitter, Ukraine was not mentioned.

The candidate's answers all sidestep the crucial question: Does DeSantis support continuing the huge U.S.-led program of military and economic aid or not? Every other GOP presidential candidate is able to answer this question. And every GOP lawmaker will have to weigh in on it this autumn, when Congress will have to vote on billions more in funding.

Anyone who wants to be commander in chief should be able to lay out a basic plan for the war he or she would inherit. Vague comments on achieving settlements and avoiding quagmires amount to pablum.

Many GOP insiders tell me DeSantis is trying to avoid taking a side in the growing Republican foreign policy divide between "New Right" national conservatives, who are pushing for broad cuts in Ukraine aid, and traditional Republicans who don't think their standard-bearer in 2024 should be running against Biden as a dove.

"He's trying to appeal to the hardcore populists and the regular Republicans, hoping to get enough people from both camps to get through the primary," one GOP foreign policy insider told me. "But if the hardcore people want the real thing, they can choose Trump. And if you want the anti-Trump, there are more appealing options."

DeSantis likely doesn't care about the criticisms of his Ukraine policy coming from the candidates trailing him — such as Nikki Haley, Mike Pence, Chris Sununu or Asa Hutchinson. But he clearly cares about Trump, and the former president is making Ukraine a top issue in his anti-DeSantis efforts. Trump won't express support for Ukraine at all, promising to end the war with a settlement "within 24 hours."

In a statement to Tucker Carlson in March, DeSantis called the Russian invasion of Ukraine a "territorial dispute" and said extensive U.S. involvement was not in America's national interest. Then, facing criticism, he changed his tune, affirming that he believes Russian President Vladimir Putin is a war criminal. Trump's response was to accuse DeSantis of using "neocon rhetoric."

Trump's callousness and ignorance on Ukraine are pushing many GOP insiders to give DeSantis a temporary pass on the issue. Many Republicans on Capitol Hill and in donor circles assume DeSantis will back Ukraine if he makes it to the general election, but he just needs to win the primary first.

But what if that assumption is wrong? No one really knows what drives DeSantis on foreign policy these days. Some point to his hiring of a Ukraine hawk as his only known campaign foreign policy adviser. But that doesn't mean that this adviser's view will win the day inside a populist-dominated campaign.

Some say DeSantis is "Jacksonian," meaning that he thinks that U.S. foreign policy should be limited to a narrow calculation of national interest and that he eschews values promotion abroad. But even leading "Jacksonian" thinker Walter Russell Mead has said continued U.S. aid to Ukraine is crucial — which goes further than DeSantis.

"Helping Ukraine is not a charity project to be undertaken out of sentiment. Nor is it a strategic distraction that weakens our hand in the Indo-Pacific," Mead wrote this week in the Wall Street Journal. "In his blindness and folly, Vladimir Putin has handed the U.S. a golden opportunity. We should seize it with both hands."

DeSantis's foreign policy record as a congressman is not a reliable indicator of his current views. He supported U.S. military aid to Ukraine back in 2014 (along with the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement). He was against President Barack Obama's plan to use force in Syria but later criticized Trump for not defending the Kurds there. In any case, DeSantis doesn't seem to feel obligated to stick to any of his foreign policy positions from those days.

DeSantis is correct when he says we can't know what the Russia-Ukraine war will look like in 2025. That's why he should tell American voters how he would handle the crisis if he were president now. If DeSantis is just following the polls, his equivocations make sense. But that's not a sound way to craft national security policy — and it's certainly not leadership.

CATHERINE RAMPELL

What's knocking Americans off Medicaid rolls? Paperwork.

A government letter sent to an out-of-date address. An exhausted mother unable to make it to the social services office before the deadline. A non-native-English speaker having difficulty with a janky state website.

So far, these kinds of bureaucratic foul-ups appear to be the primary reason millions of Americans are losing Medicaid coverage this year and next.

Starting April 1, states around the country began disenrolling people en masse from Medicaid. This is the result of the end of a temporary, covid-era rule that required states to keep existing Medicaid beneficiaries on their books; in 2020, in exchange for extra Medicaid funding, states had to err on the side of preserving access to health care during a pandemic. The public health emergency is over, though, and states can now revert to whatever renewal or termination policies they had pre-covid.

Even if those policies were pretty lousy at making sure people eligible for insurance actually receive it. And they often are.

Across the 11 states that have reported data already, more than half a million Medicaid enrollees have lost their coverage since April 1. In Florida alone, the number is nearly 250,000, according to data from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Here's where the numbers get especially infuriating. States are supposed to break out how many people lost coverage because they were reassessed for eligibility and actually determined to no longer qualify (because their income rose, for example, or they aged out of the Children's Health Insurance Program) versus how many people lost coverage for pointless "procedural" reasons (e.g., the state never received documentation needed to reassess eligibility).

Based on the states that have publicly released breakdowns so far, the majority of people losing Medicaid are casualties of those paperwork-related reasons.

We don't yet know how many of the people losing Medicaid can or ultimately will be reenrolled in coverage. Most states are not actively tracking these kinds of outcomes. And unfortunately, a lot of Americans might not even recognize that they need to reapply for public insurance until it's too late.

"Many people don't realize that they've been disenrolled from Medicaid until they show up at the pharmacy to get their prescription refilled or they have a doctor's appointment scheduled," says Jennifer Tolbert, director of state health reform at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

People in this situation are allowed to reapply for Medicaid, but the process can be cumbersome and slow. Despite federal laws requiring speedy adjudication of Medicaid applications, in some states (such as Missouri and Texas) applications often take over 45 days to process. Even if their renewal applications are ultimately successful, low-income patients might need to put off access to medications or other necessary care.

The early data available on disenrollments thus far, from just those 11 states, is a sliver of the population expected to fall victim to this Medicaid purge.

The Congressional Budget Office recently forecast that 15.5 million people who remained on Medicaid because of pandemic-era policies will be kicked off their coverage by late 2024. For scale, that's roughly 20 percent of total Medicaid enrollment.

About one-third of the population expected to be purged are children, a group that until recently had been making major strides in securing access to health care.

Some of the Americans losing Medicaid will likely get different forms of insurance — for example through the individual marketplace or an employer. More than 6 million are projected to become uninsured entirely, according to the CBO.

In any other rich country, government failure at this scale would be considered embarrassing. U.S. states already have internal records — through payroll taxes, among other things — that could be used to determine who qualifies for critical benefits. Instead, the burden of proof is usually placed on poor people, and benefit-eligible families and children fall through the cracks.

To be clear, such dysfunction and administrative "churn" are not new; Americans have simply taken them for granted. Perhaps the silver lining of the purge is that with so many people affected at once, this large-scale government incompetence might become more conspicuous. Maybe at last the public will demand better.

This long-term problem requires a long-term solution: investing in state administrative capacity. At the very least, more states should step back and assess *why* so many of their residents are losing health coverage. Idaho, to its credit, recently paused its "procedural" Medicaid cancellations, citing an unspecified "technical" challenge. Iowa says it added a "safety check" to its Medicaid redetermination process, requiring a case worker to manually review materials before disenrolling households that haven't returned renewal forms.

Alas, not all states seem motivated to ensure their own residents get the critical services they are promised — and owed.

A critical bipartisan feat in an era of hyperpolarization

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planned."

"Everybody has a right to their own opinion," McCarthy said earlier, touting the GOP-friendly parts of the legislation in an effort to combat criticism from some in his party. "But on history, I'd want to be here with this bill today."

The comments reflected an emboldened mood on the part of both men — an octogenarian Democrat who has faced questions about his age and ability to shepherd a vibrant, diverse party, and a California Republican who has been viewed as a weak leader beholden to his conference's conservative firebrands. As the administration and the House kicked off negotiations in earnest a couple of weeks ago, the leaders' fates became inextricably linked.

Wednesday night's House vote to pass their agreement served as a validation of sorts, allowing McCarthy and Biden to show that they could pull off a critical bipartisan feat in an era of hyperpolarization. McCarthy appears to have survived the process without a serious challenge to his speakership, at least for now, while Biden will not have to ramp up his reelection campaign amid a calamitous default.

"This budget agreement is a bipartisan compromise," Biden said in a statement Wednesday after the bill's passage. "Neither side got everything it wanted. That's the responsibility of governing."

In the end, 71 Republicans broke ranks and voted against the bill in the House, while 149 voted in favor, allowing McCarthy to exceed the number of Republican votes that Democrats had demanded he provide. Democrats provided 165 votes for the bill with 46 opposing, a strong show of support for Biden, who had personally appealed to several lawmakers to back the deal.

McCarthy arguably started out from the more precarious position, having faced a chaotic series of 15 votes before securing the speakership in January. Due to some of the concessions he made to hard-right Republicans, many believed he would struggle to govern or pass meaningful legislation with his razor-thin majority, said Doug Heye, a Republican strategist who served in House leadership after the GOP takeover in 2010.

The budget deal allows McCarthy to rewrite the narrative, Heye said. "If we go back to when he was elected speaker, there were a lot of stories that called him a speaker in name only, with the conventional wisdom being that he would be run by his caucus and that he wouldn't be able to do anything," he added. "He has proven that to be false."



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The political fates of President Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) became inextricably linked with the debt ceiling talks.

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Biden's prediction during the 2020 campaign that Republicans would have an "epiphany" and return to bipartisanship after the presidency of Donald Trump was greeted with eye-rolling by many other Democrats. But the debt deal — especially coming after other bipartisan legislation he has championed, including bills that fund infrastructure and the microchip industry — could let him claim that he has repeatedly defied the skeptics.

To be sure, Biden and McCarthy still face strong criticism from liberal and conservative lawmakers over the deal, and dozens on each side angrily voted against the compromise backed by their parties' leaders. Even among those who voted for the agreement, many said they did so with hesitation.

"Rome was not built in a day, and problems don't get solved overnight," Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) said at the end of a lengthy Twitter thread explaining her support for the legislation despite its "flaws." "It takes tenacious hard work and a commitment to never give up. This is a game of inches, and I intend for all of us to win."

Both the president and Congress receive relatively low approval ratings from the public, and polls show Americans broadly opposed the idea of defaulting on the country's debt. The deal's passage in the House and Senate appears to have averted the near-term possibility of a default.

"I cannot stress enough that we have no margin — no margin — for error," Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said on the floor Wednesday, before the Senate's ultimate approval. "Either we proceed quickly and send this bipartisan agreement to the president's desk or the federal government will default for the first time ever."

Biden cut short a trip to Asia last month and called McCarthy from Air Force One to try to reset the negotiations, which had hit enough snags to begin worrying global leaders and investors. In the weeks since that call helped jump-start the talks, Biden and McCarthy have largely credited each other with negotiating in good faith, and their relationship seemed to evolve during the weeks of brinkmanship when neither could afford to fail.

Two months ago, McCarthy took a jab at Biden's age as he complained that the president had not met with him yet. "I don't know what more I can do," McCarthy told reporters. "I would bring lunch to the White House. I would make it soft food if that's what he wants. It doesn't matter. Whatever it takes to meet."

And as recently as May 5, Biden portrayed McCarthy as a hapless figure beholden to his party's hard-liners. "He's agreed to things that maybe he believes, but are just extreme," Biden told MSNBC.

But by the time the deal was struck last Sunday, both men were speaking of each other with a measure of respect. "I think he negotiated with me in good faith," Biden said of McCarthy. "He kept his word. He said what he would do. He did what he said he'd do."

McCarthy, perhaps responding to his right flank, has been less publicly complimentary of Biden but has gone out of his way to praise Biden's negotiating team. "I do want to thank the president's team that he put together," McCarthy said after the deal was struck. "Very professional, very smart. Very strong beliefs that are different than ours."

Some White House officials were surprised in April when McCarthy managed to persuade his narrow, querulous Republican majority to a pass a bill that would have raised the debt limit but also slashed spending, effectively serving as an opening position for the negotiations. After that, Biden and other administration officials betrayed little doubt that McCarthy would be able to deliver enough Republican votes to pass any agreement that was reached.

After the deal was struck on Sunday, Biden suggested he did not want to loudly declare victory because doing so would make it harder for Republicans to back the compromise.

"Why would Biden say what a good deal it is before the vote?" he told reporters at the White House. "You think that's going to help me get it passed? No. That's why you guys don't bargain very well."

Biden campaigned for the presidency by touting his bargaining skills, contrasting his approach with that of former president Donald Trump, who oversaw a government shutdown and was impeached twice during two years of divided government. The debt ceiling standoff offered a new test of his ability to make good on those promises after Republicans took control of the House in 2022.

"One of Biden's selling points is that he could negotiate with Republicans, given his long tenure in the Senate," Heye said. "That was true here."

After unveiling the deal over the weekend, the White House and McCarthy's allies each scrambled to convince members of their parties that it amounted to a win both politically and substantively.

McCarthy had the tougher job, given the power of hard-right Republicans in the House who have threatened to oust him from his post if he failed to placate their demands on cutting government spending. While several of those Republicans have publicly criticized him over the deal, the final vote Wednesday made clear that they represented a minority of his caucus, and calls for his ouster have been few and muted.

As McCarthy gathered with House Republicans on Wednesday to rally support for the most significant legislation of his speakership, he received broad praise for the bill's provisions that cap spending and implement new work requirements for some federal benefits, said Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), the No. 3 House Republican.

"Members from all across the conference shared their support for this important bill," Stefanik told reporters. "And they shared their support for Speaker McCarthy's strong and effective leadership."

Is this the last debt ceiling standoff? Biden teases a constitutional possibility.

BY JEFF STEIN

President Biden has repeatedly teased the possibility that he will seek to put an end to the nation's recurring debt ceiling standoffs after Congress suspends the current limit, as lawmakers are now working to do before the June 5 deadline for a government default.

Legal experts, however, say Biden's suggestion that the law could be challenged after the current fight faces substantial practical hurdles and is unlikely to succeed if he pursues it.

Several times this month, as the White House and House Republicans negotiated over a deal to lift the current debt ceiling, Biden has said he might at a later date declare the nation's borrowing limit incompatible with the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which says that the federal government's debts must be paid. He repeated that idea Sunday, after he and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) reached an agreement. White House aides opted not to pursue unilateral action to resolve the current impasse — fearing that such a step could trigger a financial crisis by creating more uncertainty — and instead brokered the bipartisan deal.

But at least in theory, Biden could return to the question after Congress has suspended the borrowing limit. The idea, as expressed by the president, would be to test the novel legal interpretation that holds that the debt ceiling is incompatible with the Constitution at a time when the nation is not on the precipice of default. That would let the courts ponder it without the threat that an adverse ruling would prove calamitous.

Skeptics, though, say Biden's remarks about the idea may primarily be aimed at assuaging liberals who are restless over the concessions he made to the GOP in the debt ceiling fight this time and make little sense as a legal strategy.

"My hope and intention is: When we resolve this problem, I'd find a rationale to take it to the courts to see whether or not the 14th Amendment is, in fact, something that would be able to stop it," Biden said of the debt limit on May 21 while in Japan.

He also told reporters on May 9, "I'll be very blunt with you: When we get by this, I'm thinking about taking a look at — months down the road — to see whether, what the court would say" about using the 14th Amendment to raise the debt limit.

On Sunday, he added a more specific time frame, saying he is exploring a legal case citing the 14th Amendment "a year or two from now."

"But," he added, "that's another day."

Despite the president's musings, legal scholars say it may prove difficult, if not impossible, to invoke the 14th Amendment to void the debt limit outside of an existing standoff with Congress. That is because it is not clear what would precipitate a lawsuit forcing a ruling by the courts, and the judiciary would have little incentive to weigh in on a spat between the executive and legislative branches outside of an emergency. The same reason that such a court battle might appeal to the president — that it would occur outside the high stakes of a debt ceiling standoff — also undermines its feasibility as a solution, they say.

"I don't see how it can be tested judicially," said Laurence Tribe, a Harvard law professor whom Biden has frequently praised and who has argued that the debt limit is unconstitutional.

Tribe focused on the question of who would sue Congress to force the courts to take up the issue. Who would have standing to argue that the debt ceiling is unconstitutional? And why would the courts take up such a dispute, if the debt ceiling was not at risk of being breached?

"You have to establish that you were, or are about to be, injured, and that the injury can be rectified or avoided by what the court does," Tribe said. "It does not seem like it works."

Michael Kikukawa, a White House spokesman, said in a statement, "As the President said Sunday, Congress must act quickly to pass this bipartisan agreement to prevent a first-ever default on our country's obligations, and other options are a question for another day."

The 14th Amendment states that "the validity of the public debt, authorized by law … shall not be questioned," which has led some legal experts to argue that it invalidates the debt ceiling's cap on government borrowing. In the event that the president has to pick between enforcing the limit on federal borrowing and carrying out spending and tax laws passed by Congress, some scholars have argued that the 14th Amendment means violating the debt limit is the less odious option. Critics of the idea maintain that the 14th Amendment is about ensuring payments on debt that was already issued — not a pass for the president to unilaterally issue new debt.

Scholars on both sides of the debate appear broadly skeptical that the courts would intervene without an ongoing crisis.

Cornell Law School professor Michael C. Dorf, whose research into constitutional objections to the debt ceiling has been widely cited, emphasized that the judiciary avoids constitutional disputes between the other two branches of the federal government if they are resolved via legislation. In this case, Congress and the White House already would have agreed to raise the debt ceiling.

"Courts have — and the executive branch tries to observe — a principle of constitutional avoidance," Dorf said. "If you can resolve an issue by statute, you don't have to resolve the constitutional question."

What it would entail to "invoke the 14th Amendment" also has been unclear. One possibility is for either the White House legal counsel's office or the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel to issue an opinion finding the debt ceiling unconstitutional. A more unusual step would be for the president to issue an executive order directing his attorneys to come to that conclusion. But even those measures would not mean that the debt ceiling is suddenly illegal, unless the courts issued a decision.

"It has as much force as my law review articles," Dorf said. "Until it's actually implemented, it has no real effect. And until it's actually challenged in courts, it does not resolve the issue definitively."

Stanford law professor Michael McConnell, who has called the idea of invoking the 14th Amendment to circumvent the debt limit "dangerous nonsense," was even more blunt: "I think this is fantasyland." McConnell added of Biden, "I assume he's just posturing for his partisans and trying to look as though he's not backing down."

Throughout the negotiations, Biden has taken criticism from some liberal Democrats who think his refusal to pursue the 14th Amendment led the White House to make unnecessary concessions to House Republicans. The president also has resisted calls to back legislation that would have Congress abolish the debt ceiling — an action endorsed by Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen.

Many congressional Democrats have called for eliminating the debt ceiling, arguing that it serves no useful function beyond giving the GOP an opportunity to extract concessions from Democratic administrations. Biden rejected that approach as recently as Sunday. Asked whether he supports eliminating the spending limit, the president said, "No, I think it would cause more controversy getting rid of the debt limit."

A White House spokesman declined to elaborate on the president's comments. But Biden appeared to be drawing a distinction between Congress's abolishing the debt ceiling statute — a step he opposes — and invoking the 14th Amendment, which would leave it on the books but effectively void it if the courts sided with him.

Conservatives have strongly opposed repealing the debt limit, arguing it provides an important opportunity for Congress to evaluate its spending priorities. Mick Mulvaney, who served as the director of the Office of Management and Budget during the Trump administration, pointed to the 2011 debt ceiling deal that set spending limits and to spending increases in 2017 and 2019 as part of negotiations that also lifted the debt limit.

"I didn't like those particular outcomes, but that was the result of the negotiations," he said. "I think what the debt ceiling does is force us to talk about why we need to borrow more money."

Although Biden's advisers studied the matter after Republicans took over the House and made clear they would seek concessions for agreeing to raise the debt ceiling, they were wary of invoking the 14th Amendment in the current standoff for fear of what it might provoke in financial markets.

That action probably would have been challenged in court by Republicans, who would claim an overreach of executive authority. Because prospects for repayment would be unclear under a legal theory that the courts could later invalidate, investors could demand much higher interest rates on government debt issues. Federal borrowing costs would have spiked, and so would the costs of loans elsewhere in the economy, leading to the same broader panic in financial markets that the move would be trying to prevent.

As part of negotiations, Biden aides resisted the most dramatic demands made by House Republicans, but they still agreed to pare back roughly $20 billion of the $80 billion of new funding approved last year for the Internal Revenue Service, while also imposing new work requirements for federal welfare aid. Liberals think Biden is repeating what they view as a mistake the Obama administration made in 2011: rewarding the GOP's threats with concessions.

"Please, let's try a different approach in 2025, whether that's unilateral from the start or Democrats starting from a position of strength by advancing their own proposal," said Lindsay Owens, the executive director of the Groundwork Collaborative, a left-leaning think tank. "We got through this by the skin of our teeth."

Already, some legal efforts to overturn the debt limit are stalling even before the deal has been approved.

Three legal experts had prepared a lawsuit against the administration to have the debt ceiling declared unconstitutional. But after the deal was announced, they put their lawsuit on pause and are weighing how to proceed if the agreement passes in Congress. One of the scholars, Cornell University law professor Bob Hockett, emphasized that the courts typically do not take a case unless the plaintiffs can demonstrate that damage has occurred or is imminent.

The National Association of Government Employees — a union that represents many federal workers potentially affected by a debt ceiling breach — filed a lawsuit in federal court last month challenging the limit as unconstitutional. But U.S. District Judge Richard G. Stearns in Massachusetts on Monday ordered the case postponed, citing the debt ceiling agreement apparently reached between the executive and legislative branches.

Meryl Kornfield contributed to this report.

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VMI's chief diversity officer resigns amid alumni war over DEI

Online vitriol since her hiring in May 2021 has been relentless

BY IAN SHAPIRA

Virginia Military Institute's first chief diversity officer, Jamica Love, resigned this week, nearly two years after she assumed the job in the wake of a state-ordered investigation into racism at the college.

Love, 49, who leaves her position at the end of June, was the highest-ranking Black woman at the nation's oldest state-supported military college. But she faced intense backlash from some alumni and cadets as soon as her hiring was announced in May 2021.

The college's superintendent, retired Army Maj. Gen. Cedric T. Wins, announced Love's resignation Thursday. Wins, VMI's first Black leader in its 183-year history, emailed the school community, saying that Love served "with distinction."

"She has been singularly focused on preparing our cadets for the world which they will enter after graduation and making VMI an inclusive institution for any interested and qualified prospective cadet, faculty, or staff member," he wrote, adding that she "has been an exemplar of professionalism and her expertise and positive attitude will be greatly missed."

Love declined an interview request.

She was hired just days before an independent investigation, ordered by then-Gov. Ralph Northam (D), published damning conclusions about the college's culture and racial climate. Among the probe's findings: "institutional racism and sexism are present, tolerated, and left unaddressed at VMI."

The Lexington college, which will receive $29 million in state funding for the 2023-2024 academic year, didn't admit Black men until 1968 or women until 1997. Its 1,500 cadets remain mostly White and male, and efforts to make the school more welcoming to minorities and women have been met with fierce resistance.

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Gas deal angers climate lobby

PIPELINE APPROVED IN DEBT AGREEMENT

Manchin-backed project is given unusual leg up

BY RACHEL WEINER

Environmental advocates who have fought the Mountain Valley Pipeline in court for years say a deal between the White House and Congress to force its completion is corrupt and corrosive to democracy. But despite fears in some quarters that the language of the deal built into debt ceiling negotiations will upend the system of checks and balances built in the government, experts say it is likely to withstand any legal challenge.

Building the 303-mile pipeline across national forest and hundreds of streams in Virginia and West Virginia requires permits from federal and state agencies overseeing compliance with environmental laws. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, which has jurisdiction in those states, has repeatedly blocked those permits as failing to account for environmental damage, particularly construction pollution of local waterways that has led to fines against the company behind the project. Initially planned for completion in 2020, the pipeline project has dragged on for years, and its cost estimate has doubled to $6.6 billion.

The language in the debt ceiling deal — which the House approved Wednesday night —

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Va. schools adjust ads to remove talk of race

Miyares had accused Fairfax County district of 'illegal discrimination'

BY KARINA ELWOOD

Fairfax County Public Schools removed mentions of race from materials advertising a college preparation program after the state attorney general warned that the marketing was "illegal discrimination."

The move comes after Attorney General Jason S. Miyares (R) demanded that Cooper Middle School retract an email sent to parents earlier this year about the College Partnership Program seeking to enroll students from underrepresented backgrounds. In a letter to the school sent in March, the attorney general's office alleged that the school was violating the Virginia Human Rights Act by illegally "soliciting and selecting applicants ... based on race, color, and national origin."

The school's email encouraged parents of eighth-graders who fell into one or more categories — students who would be the first in their family to attend college in the United States; Black or African American students; Hispanic students of one or more race; students with disabilities; English language learners; and economically disadvantaged students — to apply for the program. The countywide program is open to students of all races.

Miyares alleged that the school was offering the college prep program only for certain racial or ethnic groups.

"It's shocking that we continue to find such blatant examples of racial and ethnic discrimination in the Fairfax County Public School System. Every student should be able to apply for the College Partnership Program and have the same opportunities as their peers, regardless of race," Miyares said in a statement at the time.

The attorney general's Office of Civil Rights demanded that the middle school retract the email and provide evidence that the school was conducting the application process "in a nondiscrimi-

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In drum groups, Native Americans share heartbeat of their heritage

Members in transient D.C. from tribes across the U.S. bond over rhythms of home

BY DANA HEDGPETH

When Nick Courtney came to D.C. seven years ago to work on education issues, he missed his Native American tribe in Washington state.

Longing to connect with other Native Americans in the region, the 31-year-old member of the Makah Tribe helped form the Uptown Singerz, a Native American drum group that shares and celebrates their heritage.

"D.C. is a transient city because folks come and go, so that can be hard," said Courtney, who lives in Baltimore. "I still long for my own culture, but this fills my cup. It's a bond, and I'm a part of something that's allowed me to build a community here. It's like a family for me."

In the United States, roughly 9.7

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TOP: Angela Gladue dances to drumming and singing by the Uptown Singerz during a January gathering at Woolly Mammoth Theatre in Washington. "When I hear their drum it makes me want to cry," said Gladue, a Cree and a member of the Frog Lake First Nation in Alberta, Canada. ABOVE: An Uptown Singerz drum.

Sabbatical initiative in D.C. is aimed at retention

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser launched two new programs on Thursday aimed at retaining her administration's veteran agency leaders while streamlining the transition process for those who may be considering retirement or a position outside of the city's government, a move that follows several key departures from the administration as Bowser begins her third term.

One of the initiatives, which offers individuals a paid sabbatical of up to 90 days through the rest of this year, was conceptualized soon after Bowser (D) won reelection in November, according to City Administrator Kevin Donahue. The sabbatical is available to Cabinet members who have served more than four consecutive years at agencies that report to Bowser, allowing them up to three months' leave to focus on their well-being or pursue professional development opportunities — with a commitment to serve for at least one to two years upon returning.

The second program offers a "transition incentive" focused on long-term succession planning. Between Thursday and July 15, the Bowser administration is offering support to Cabinet members who have led agencies under Bowser's purview for at least three consecutive years to think through whether they want to leave their post or stay in the role, allowing officials extra time to prepare for their exits, including any recruitment required for the leadership change.

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Dame Jillian Sackler, widow of Arthur M. Sackler, in 2019. She went on an outrage tour when museums began dropping the name.

Same drug playbook, decades earlier



Petula Dvorak

"It was like somebody poured kerosene under my skin and then put a torch to me," said William Thomas, a California physician addicted to a prescription drug that had been pushed by one of America's wealthiest dynasties — the Sackler family.

Other substance abusers also came to Washington to tell their devastating stories — a banker, a priest, a housewife, a teacher — at a congressional hearing investigating an American drug crisis.

OxyContin, right?

Nope.

This was 1979, and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) was holding a Health Committee hearing on Valium — the drug that about 15 percent of the nation was hooked on at the time. Kennedy called it "a nightmare of dependence."

Hindsight shows us it was the Sacklers' practice run.

The family learned this week that only a small chunk of their fortune would be paid for the nightmare their drug gave our nation after a New York court cut them a sweet deal, granting them immunity in all current and future lawsuits involving their dealings in the opioid business in exchange for a $6 billion settlement to eight states and D.C. Between 1999 and 2020, more than 564,000 people died of opioid overdoses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Sacklers still have billions. And they'll never have to pay for their patriarch's first foray into rope-a-doping their fellow Americans into prescription drugs. At the time, activists, reporters and legislators didn't tie the Sackler name to Valium.

SEE DVORAK ON B2

In drum groups, Native Americans share pulse of home



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million people — or about 3 percent of the overall population — identified themselves as being American Indian or Alaska Native in the 2020 Census. Fewer than 1 percent of people in the District, Maryland and Virginia said they are American Indian or Alaska Native.

There are more than 500 federally recognized tribes in the country, and more than 70 percent of American Indians live away from their tribal reservations or communities.

Being a part of Uptown Singerz gives members who are far from their tribes' home "a renewed sense of community and family every time we sing, every time we drum," said Mary Phillips, the group's lady backup singer (as the role is officially called by Native Americans), who is from the Omaha Tribe in Nebraska and the Laguna Pueblo Tribe in New Mexico. "It's a way to honor our ancestors and family members who have spent their lives learning these songs, learning the dances."

The Uptown Singerz have about a dozen members from different tribes across the country. Originally called the Uptown Boyz — because their practice space sat next to the now-closed Uptown movie theater on Connecticut Avenue in Northwest D.C. — they later changed their name to be more inclusive of all their members.

They practice several times a month and perform up to 20 events a year at theaters, rallies, and community and Native American gatherings and powwows in the D.C. region to showcase their talents and educate the public. They, along with the Zotigh Singers — who are from the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and live in Waldorf, Md. — are one of the few American Indian drum groups in the D.C. region.

"Having the Uptown Singerz is so important because they help keep our culture alive here in D.C.," said Angela Gladue, 38, who is a powwow and hoop dancer. A Cree and a member of the Frog Lake First Nation in Alberta, Canada, Gladue moved to Northeast Washington six years ago and got to know other American Indians in the area, along with the drum groups.

"When I hear their drum it makes me want to cry," she said. "It brings back memories of home. It strikes me in the heart."

The Uptown Singerz typically play around one large drum made from wood and dried animal hide. Sometimes they play smaller hand drums. Considered sacred and often used at events and some ceremonies, the drum for many American Indians represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth.

They follow the Native American tradition of having only men sit around the drum. Women stand behind them and join in the singing because "women carry the sacred water of life," empowering them to "absorb or change the energy of the people around them or the energy of the drum," Phillips said.

Historically, Phillips said, Native American powwow drum songs were considered "war dance songs" for warriors: "They were a homecoming or send-off for them to say, 'We honor you. We have these songs for you. We will dance for you.'"

Now these songs have become a way of healing, according to some Uptown Singerz. Some songs celebrate elders or a harvest. Others honor people who have died or recognize military veterans, according to Phillips.

As the men drum, they sing with the women in tribal languages or sounds at high or low pitches. Tribes from north of Kansas and up to Canada usually do a Northern Plains-style drum like the Uptown Singerz — with a faster beat and vocal sounds at a higher pitch.

"We're making these sounds the way the Creator taught us," said Shawn Ironmaker, 53, who's Native American, lives in Southwest D.C. and is part of the Uptown Singerz. "The combined sound with the beat of the drum removes all negative energy around you and replaces it with positive energy."

The sound of a drum, to many American Indians, is spiritual. For some, it gives them a connection to their ancestors or homelands. For others, the songs tell their tribe's story or improve their moods and bring good health.

Max Yamane, a 28-year-old who lives in Silver Spring and is a member of the Uptown Singerz, said drumming and singing is a good way for younger Native Americans to learn — and practice — tribal languages, some of which have lost their fluent elder speakers.

The Uptown Singerz drum a wide range of songs from different tribes. Some are from the Blackfoot, Nakoda, Cree and Lakota tribes. One Ojibwe traveling song — meant to give well-wishes to those who come to an event and hopes they make it home safely — includes a verse that translates, "It's because of you that is why we're walking in this way."

In late May, the Uptown Singerz, Zotigh Singers and other drummers held a round dance — a social dance that included Native Americans from different tribes and guests and was done to honor families and ancestors — at the Kennedy Center. Roughly 200 people attended.

For Gladue, hearing the drum and seeing American Indians from different tribes gather and dance was a special moment.

"A lot of people see me and assume I speak Spanish," she said. "Or people will ask, 'Indians are still here?' To be around other Natives and not have to explain myself makes me feel good. We get each other, based on who we are."

For Ironmaker, sharing his singing and drumming is a way to show that Native Americans continue to "thrive and survive."

"You can get lost in society and in an urban area, but we're trying to keep our heart and not lose our culture and identity," Ironmaker said. "It's important as Native American people to remind ourselves who we are and where we come from."



ABOVE: From left, Max Yamane, Shawn Ironmaker and Keith Cox Jr. drum with the Uptown Singerz during a round dance — a social dance that included Native Americans from different tribes and guests and was done to honor families and ancestors — at the Kennedy Center in May.
LEFT: People dance as the Uptown Singerz play at the Kennedy Center. The group performs up to 20 events a year at theaters, rallies, and community and Native American gatherings in the D.C. region.

PETULA DVORAK

Sackler drug playbook caused concerns decades ago

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The disco-era hearings told a story stunningly similar to what our nation just went through with the opioid crisis, right down to a drug company insisting its pills aren't addictive, that it's just a small group of people who are the problem, according to news accounts of the hearings.

Hoffmann-La Roche, maker of Valium and Librium, was mentioned in the hearings, but not Arthur M. Sackler, who revolutionized the marketing of prescription drugs and made Valium the top-selling drug in America for years. He was even honored by the Medical Advertising Hall of Fame, which in a 1997 induction credited him with medical training that helped him "distinguish for the physician the complexities of anxiety and psychic tension. Accordingly, Valium became the first $100 million drug, a then staggering sales figure."

The ads for tranquilizers in the 1970s targeted women's depression, anxiety and desperation in the early days of the feminist revolution, promising the pill that the Rolling Stones in the 1960s called "Mother's Little Helper" would make sure a housewife could "cook breakfast again," or that the mom tied up by her costume-wearing kid "can cope."

At that time, the Sacklers were in the news for funding art galleries, museums and schools.

Three years after the congressional hearing into the way Arthur M. Sackler marketed Valium to America, he returned to D.C. to give the Smithsonian $20 million worth of Asian art and a $4 million check to construct a gallery for it.

The Valium king's name remains etched in stone here; the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery is on the National Mall. And even though museums and galleries across the globe are removing the Sackler name from their walls, it's going to have to remain in Washington, officials said.

"Our 1982 gift agreement with Arthur Sackler designating the museum building as the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in perpetuity is a legally binding contract," said Linda St. Thomas, chief spokesperson for the Smithsonian Institution.

They rewrote their policy in 2011 and now a donor only gets to name a space for 20 years, or until the next major renovation. And they did a soft rebrand of the Sackler site, combining it with the Freer Gallery (Charles Lang Freer was a railroad guy who turned to art after breaking down in exhaustion, and as far as history shows us, he wasn't an extremely destructive rich guy) to form the National Museum of Asian Art.

Arthur Sackler's widow, Dame Jillian Sackler, launched an outrage tour when museums began removing the Sackler name, especially after Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) asked the Smithsonian to remove the Sackler name from the gallery three years ago.

"Arthur died of a heart attack nearly 32 years ago at age 73, nearly a decade before OxyContin came to market," she said in a 2019 op-ed in The Washington Post.

"Neither Arthur nor his heirs had anything to do with the manufacture or marketing of OxyContin. Suggestions that his philanthropy is now somehow tainted are simply false."

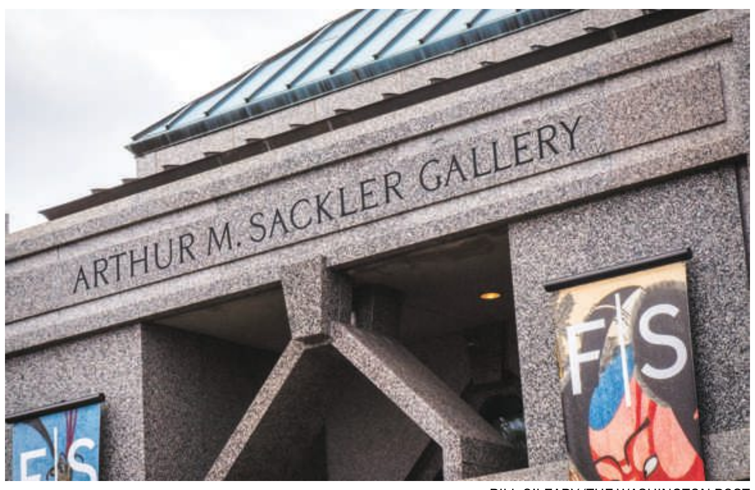
Yet the Sacklers followed their patriarch's Valium playbook to push the far-deadlier OxyContin. It was the direct marketing to doctors and playing down the drug's addictive nature — exactly what drove billions in Valium sales annually in the 1970s — that fueled the opioid crisis. The warnings about this kind of marketing were clear, even back in 1979.

At that 1979 Valium hearing, Kennedy asked Joseph Pursch, a doctor who headed an alcohol rehabilitation service at a naval medical center in California, how addictive the drug was.

Pursch said he'd seen people become addicted to the tranquilizer in six weeks.

"None of these drugs solve our problems," Pursch said. "They make people feel better because they make you feel dull and insensitive. But they don't solve anything."

The Sackler family is immune from being sued by anyone else whose life was devastated by the drugs they got filthy rich from. But they aren't immune from the continued public scorn that we can — and should — offer them.



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The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and the Freer Gallery today form the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Asian Art.

THE DISTRICT

Man pleads guilty in congresswoman's attack

BY EMILY DAVIES

The man accused of attacking Rep. Angie Craig (D-Minn.) in an elevator of her Washington apartment building has pleaded guilty to three assault charges, according to court documents filed Thursday.

Kendrid Hamlin is scheduled to be sentenced in September for one count of assaulting a member of Congress and two counts of assaulting law enforcement officers.

In court documents, authorities said Hamlin followed Craig into an elevator on Feb. 9, forcefully tried to stop her from pressing emergency buttons and then punched her in the chin.

Officials in Craig's office have said the attack did not appear to be politically motivated, and D.C. police have said they believed Hamlin suffered a mental health crisis. He has been held in jail since his February arrest.

In a statement, Katie Guevara, Hamlin's attorney, said: "Mr. Hamlin accepted responsibility for his actions today with the earnest hope of moving towards rehabilitation and the mental health treatment he very much wants and needs."

"Unfortunately, we know that treatment and rehabilitation will not occur in prison," Guevara said. "We are hopeful that all parties can work together to finally provide Mr. Hamlin with the opportunity to get mental health support and treatment, as well as stable housing upon his release."

A spokeswoman for Craig declined to comment.

Defense attorneys have previously described Hamlin as a man in need of significant mental health and other treatment, arguing at a hearing about where he would be held as he awaited trial that he should be placed in a facility specializing in such care. At that hearing, Hamlin spoke briefly, telling a judge, "I'm just trying to get myself together, man, mentally, physically and emotionally."

The government, though, has noted Hamlin's lengthy criminal record and history of failing to show up for court. He has 25 previous bench warrants for missing court dates, authorities said, and his record includes recent convictions for robbery and assault on police officers.

Hamlin, also known as Kendrick Hamlin, was initially charged with assaulting a congresswoman. A grand jury indictment added charges of assaulting law enforcement officers, but the indictment did not provide additional details, court records show.

The incident began, according to a statement of facts filed in federal court, when Craig got coffee in the lobby of her apartment building in the 300 block of H Street NE. She told police she saw a man she did not recognize but greeted him with "Good morning."

She then got into a service elevator and swiped her access card. At that point, she told police, Hamlin stuck his arm out to prevent the doors from closing and stepped inside the elevator. The court document says Hamlin told Craig he was coming to her apartment.

Hamlin grew agitated when Craig told him "no," the court document says, and he proceeded to block the exit to the elevator, punch her in the face and grab her collarbone near her neck to prevent her from reaching the elevator keypad. The representative said she was able to escape after she threw her coffee, according to the court document.

Hamlin was arrested several hours later.

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Catchy tune: Free tickets to Yo La Tengo on June 11 at 9:30 Club

The indie rock trio's "17th studio album…is a self-produced, mostly recorded live, raw-yet-tender record that furthers their reputation as one of the most consistently fruitful bands around" (clashmusic.com). "Yo La Tengo feel more alive on *This Stupid World* than they have in years – which isn't to say that their more recent efforts were lacking in any way. The songs here just crackle and spark with an innate energy and unpredictability not heard since 2006's *I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass*" (beatsperminute.com).

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.



New sabbatical, transition plans in D.C.

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As an incentive, Donahue said that employees who participate in the transition planning effort over the next six weeks and notify Bowser of their intent to depart would be eligible for severance pay when they leave; that departure date would be worked out with Bowser's administration. Cabinet members who have served between three and five years in the role would get eight weeks of severance pay; those who have been in the job for at least five years would get 12 weeks.

"The sabbatical is recognizing that you have people in place for a long time, the transition incentive is recognizing that it's natural for departures to happen and allows for us to do succession planning in a much more coherent way," Donahue said.

Over the past year, several of Bowser's appointees have departed from the administration, including Police Chief Robert J. Contee III, who announced in April that he was retiring to take a job at the FBI — a decision that caught several city lawmakers by surprise and sparked a sudden, nationwide search to replace him.

Enrollment in both programs requires an application and is subject to the mayor's approval, Donahue said. Applications are slated to go online Thursday at the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments.

Bowser's Cabinet includes about 64 D.C. agencies with directors or leaders who report to the mayor. Donahue said that about half of them would be eligible to apply for the two incentives.

"Out of those 64 agencies there is a natural attrition that will always be occurring," Donahue said. "[The incentive] allows for us to focus on that transition, and allow for us to time it, plan for it and begin recruitment if needed."

Donahue said some D.C. agencies have previously offered employees similar retirement or transition incentives focused on succession planning, including D.C.'s departments of Public Works and General Services, though such programs have not been applied to Cabinet-level workers until now. As for the sabbatical initiative, Donahue said city officials looked at federal agencies and corporations that offer similar programs, which typically allow employees to take between 90 days and six months of paid leave to focus on professional development or take better care of themselves.

Sabbaticals have become increasingly popular among employers in the United States, with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia and Bank of America among the companies to launch paid sabbatical efforts this year. Research by DJ DiDonna, founder of the Sabbatical Project and a senior lecturer at Harvard, found that 80 percent of people who take sabbaticals returned to their company refreshed, The Washington Post's Heather Long reported earlier this year.

"Sabbatical programs do in fact often lead to greater retention," Donahue added. "Someone without a sabbatical may find they have to leave to really engage in that self-care or that professional development opportunity."

During the transition period after Bowser's reelection, Donahue said, several longtime agency directors approached the mayor, expressing a desire to continue serving in their roles and also while also taking a meaningful break. Among them was Laura Zeilinger, the director of D.C.'s Department of Human Services who has served in the role since Bowser was sworn into her first term in January 2015.

Starting this week, she will be the first of the mayor's Cabinet members to participate in the sabbatical program.

Zeilinger, 50, oversees several of the city's homelessness services and prevention efforts, as well as benefit programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In an interview, she said she remains passionate about the Human Services Department's efforts toward closing income gaps and reducing poverty, but as of late, she's felt "increased signs of burnout."

She reached out to Bowser about her concerns.

"Serving through the pandemic has been a lot … I was actually thinking about if I needed to leave because I felt like I was not able to bring the same energy to the job," Zeilinger said. "[The mayor] was extremely supportive. I know that I needed to do something to be able to continue to offer what I have to give."

Zeilinger said she intends to return after some time off with the "energy, drive and vigor that will allow me to continue to be an agent for change in this community." In the meantime, she said she'll be able to be more present for her two children.

"I know I'm not the only one. And I really appreciate the way the administration is looking at this as a starting place," she added.

Donahue said he does not expect a "significant number" of eligible Cabinet members to leave the administration or take a sabbatical. Those approved for sabbaticals will be permitted to take them between Thursday and the end of this calendar year — an intentional effort to avoid overlap with the District's annual budget process and associated hearings, which typically run from January through March.

He added that some directors may opt for shorter periods of leave, like one or two months. Those approved for a sabbatical will also be tasked with recommending an interim director, with final approval coming from Bowser. Employees will receive their full pay and benefits while on sabbatical, Donahue said, but will not accrue sick or annual leave.

Upon their return, if an agency director were to depart before the end of that one- to two-year commitment period, Donahue said the city would reduce the amount of accrued annual leave they would otherwise be eligible to cash out once they leave the D.C. government: "Ultimately, employers can't compel people to stay," he added.

City officials anticipate that the sabbatical program will be a mainstay, with a likely expansion to other government employees seeking professional development or opportunities to recharge.

"This is our first foray into it as the government, so we'll learn from the first cohort," he said. "We're starting out with the Cabinet, and if it improves retention and professional development, then I very much expect this to be a program that we would be able to look at with other employee groups."



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The "transition incentive" program by D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser is focused on long-term succession planning.

THE DISTRICT

5 firefighters sue city, alleging sour pension deal

BY PETER HERMANN AND OMARI DANIELS

A group of D.C. firefighters who want to retire sued the District on Thursday, alleging officials reneged on promises to let them transfer to a more generous pension plan after the city's fire and ambulance services merged more than 15 years ago.

> The former paramedics, EMTs say they expected a more generous plan

The five firefighters filed the suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Their attorney said as many as 100 firefighters could be impacted, and they are seeking $100 million.

Most of them, attorney Pam Keith said, are minorities, and some are women. The lawsuits alleges such groups "were simply not valued by the fire chiefs at the time."

The five members who are suing were hired as EMTs or paramedics. When they also became firefighters in later years after the merger, the lawsuit says they were promised verbally and in writing that they would shift from a 401(k)-type retirement plan, which is available to them and most other city employees, into a more lucrative, defined benefit plan available only to firefighters and police officers.

But the lawsuit alleges the city "did not appropriately fund" the plan for the emergency medical system employees who became firefighters and "reneged on the contractual promises" to let them transfer to the defined benefit option, with their prior years of service counted.

As a result, the lawsuit says, the firefighters "will have to work decades more than their colleagues to earn the same benefit, retire now with essentially nothing, or pay hundreds of thousands of dollars out of their own pockets to fund their own retirements."

A spokesman for the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department referred questions about the lawsuit to the Office of the Attorney General, which defends city agencies in litigation. A spokeswoman for that office declined to comment. The mayor's office did not respond to an inquiry.

Ricardo Clark, a firefighter who has been with the department nearly 34 years and is part of the lawsuit, called it unfair that he would have to work longer to retire with the money he said had been promised.

"It hurts to work in this city all these years and to be a Washingtonian and to be treated like this," Clark said at a news conference in front of the station for Engine 31 in Chevy Chase, where he is assigned.

Melissa Turner, a 20-year veteran, said it was "heartbreaking" that she would not be able to retire as she had planned. "We give everything to serve the citizens, 24 hours a day," she said.

Vance Pitts Jr., a firefighter for 29 years, said he didn't find out until a Zoom call in 2021 that his retirement benefits were not what the city had promised.

"I thought my pension was already defined and that the department was supposed to make sure my retirement was set," Pitts said. "I felt this just wasn't right."

But the merger ran into bureaucratic obstacles — including dueling labor unions and pay scales, and a reluctance from some members to be cross-trained — that slowed implementation. Even now, officials say, there are a handful of members who remain trained only as paramedics or EMTs.

The fire and ambulance services merged after the 2006 death of retired New York Times reporter and editor David E. Rosenbaum. Rosenbaum died after D.C. emergency personnel mistook the effects of injuries from a vicious mugging for public intoxication and labeled the incident low-priority.

At the time, calls for emergency medical technicians and paramedics outnumbered calls for fires, a trend that continues. A key recommendation from a commission studying the Rosenbaum incident was to merge the fire and overtaxed ambulance system. Firefighters and paramedics would then be cross-trained to make care more efficient and response times faster.







MARYLAND

Hoyer endorses Alsobrooks in race for Senate

BY LATESHIA BEACHUM

Long-serving Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) on Thursday backed Prince George's County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks (D) for Senate, offering a weighty endorsement in a growing field of contenders.

"I ask all Marylanders to join me in sending a strong, experienced and compelling voice to the United States Senate — someone who looks like the state and country she serves," Hoyer told a crowd in Suitland, touting Alsobrooks's experience and emphasizing the history she would make as Maryland's first Black senator.

Alsobrooks in a statement said she is "honored" to receive an endorsement from Hoyer, whom she described as a "wonderful colleague, mentor and friend, offering his partnership and spirit of collaboration throughout my career."

Alsobrooks told The Washington Post that Hoyer was the first person to call with congratulations on her county executive victory in 2018 and that the two have been in regular contact since. They have been in lockstep as Prince George's has tried to lure the FBI headquarters, with Hoyer helping to beat the drum for the county's argument, demanding equity.

The announcement comes as the contest to succeed retiring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) in a 2024 election is taking shape: Montgomery County Council member Will Jawando (D-At Large) was first to throw his hat into the ring; Rep. David Trone (D-Md.) has begun dropping campaign commercials; and Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.) is weighing a run.

Alsobrooks has already racked up endorsements from some of Maryland's heavy hitters, including Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.), former Maryland Democratic Party chair Susan Turnbull and former state senator Gloria Lawlah. The Hoyer endorsement adds clout and name recognition to Alsobrooks's Senate bid, and it aligns with the Democratic Party's shift to be more intentional about its candidates and how they represent the party. The former House majority leader is the only Marylander to have held that post, and he remains the longest-serving Marylander in the House.

Hoyer noted that Maryland's congressional delegation at one time had an equal number of men and women, but now there are only men.

If Alsobrooks were to win, she would also be the first Black woman to join the Senate since Vice President Harris and only the second woman in Maryland history to serve since Barbara A. Mikulski (D).

"Coming from a family that had fled racial violence in South Carolina, Angela had to confront many of the challenges facing our country at a young age," Hoyer said. "She also knew that despite those challenges, America remains the great land of opportunity — a place where anyone can make a difference."

Hoyer has been keen on fostering talent on his own turf and throughout Maryland, advising newcomers such as state Del. Jazz Lewis (D) and endorsing Gov. Wes Moore (D).

Hoyer told the crowd he witnessed Alsobrooks's ability to lead under pressure as she weathered the coronavirus pandemic and the tension between law enforcement and citizens after the killing of George Floyd.

"Angela Alsobrooks did not shrink from that challenge," he said.

Meagan Flynn contributed to this report.



OFFICE OF REP. STENY H. HOYER

Rep. Steny H. Hoyer and Prince George's County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks, both Maryland Democrats, appear at the gathering.

Fairfax schools modify ads after warning from Miyares

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natory and legal manner," threatening an investigation and a lawsuit if the school did not comply.

The issue was resolved with a letter from the office last week noting that the school system had removed all mentions of race from marketing materials and parent emails about the countywide program.

"The Virginia AG's office has notified us that it has closed its inquiry into the college partnership program and has noted that the applications for the program make no reference to any classification based on race, ethnicity, or national origin," Fairfax schools spokeswoman Helen Lloyd said in a statement.

The program, operated in most of the district's high schools, includes academic counseling, college visits, help with completing applications, parent education sessions, SAT preparation classes and a summer overnight experience on a college campus.

When Miyares's letter was sent in March, Fairfax schools spokeswoman Julie Moult said in an email that the attorney general's assertion that certain racial groups were being blocked from the program were false and included damaging public accusations that "undermine public school efforts to boost U.S. educational achievement." Moult cited data from the 2022-2023 program, made up of about 43 percent Hispanic students, 28 percent Black students, 17 percent Asian students and 9 percent White students. During the 2021-2022 school year, Black and Hispanic students made up about 8 percent of the school population at Cooper Middle School in McLean.

"Media coverage referencing a ban on certain demographic groups applying to the College Partnership Program is wholly inaccurate," Moult said in a statement.

The Office of Civil Rights' letter issued last week noted that the initial inquiry was not about the admittance process or the demographic makeup of the program, but about the way the program was being marketed with preference for certain racial groups.

According to internet archives, since at least 2018 the program's website stated that "a typical CPP student represents a traditionally underrepresented population in higher education" with a list of characteristics including some racial groups. It did not state that meeting racial criteria was required to apply.

The site was changed recently to include a section on "eligibility" that states students of all backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply. It outlines that "CPP was created to help students who face additional barriers to achieving their higher education goals" and includes a list of criteria that removes the mentions of race. Students who are the first in their family to attend college in the United States; English language learners; students who are economically disadvantaged; and students with disabilities are still included in the list.

Fliers marketing the program were also changed. A first draft mentioned that Black and Latino students were encouraged to apply. A second version mentioned "students of color," and a third version, which satisfied the Office of Civil Rights, excluded any mention of race or ethnicity.

"Mitigating barriers to access and opportunity for historically underrepresented students is laudable, but these goals can and must be pursued without descending into race-based classifications and violating state and federal civil rights law in the process," read the civil rights office's letter.

It's unclear how that marketing change will affect enrollment in the college prep program. A schools spokeswoman declined to answer specific questions about what impact these changes will have on the program or whether marketing and outreach materials for other school programs were also changed.

The Fairfax County school district has been under scrutiny for race in admissions for years, attracting a number of legal challenges — most notably a lawsuit over a revised admissions policy at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, the school district's prestigious magnet school. Last week, a panel of federal appellate judges ruled in favor of the admissions process that the high school adopted in 2020 to help boost diversity. The parent group that alleged the admissions process discriminated against Asian American applicants plans to appeal the case, setting up a challenge that could reach the Supreme Court. Miyares has also launched an investigation into the magnet school admissions process.

The move to remove mentions of race from recruitment efforts comes as the Supreme Court is considering the use of race in the admissions at higher education institutions and seems open to ending precedent that allows for race-conscious admission decisions at colleges and universities.

In addition to those challenges, Kim Forde-Mazrui, the director of the Center for the Study of Race and Law at the University of Virginia, said he anticipates more challenges of race-neutral criteria, such as economic status, designed to boost diversity.

"Can they use race as a part of the goal even if it's not part of the process?" Forde-Mazrui said. "If not, they are saying that racial inequality must be ignored."

Forde-Mazrui acknowledged that there was legal basis for Miyares's claim because there could be White applicants who didn't fit into any group outlined in the materials promoting the college prep program, as well as Black applicants who didn't fit into any group other than the racial category. But challenging recruitment and marketing — compared with admissions — is more difficult.

"To say that you were harmed by not being recruited or marketed to," he said, "you have to say that somehow that even though you were eligible, you didn't try to get in or try to apply because you weren't marketed to or you weren't recruited."

THE DISTRICT

GWU is among six schools joining elite group of U.S. research universities

Institution is now only D.C. member of invite-only organization

BY NICK ANDERSON

Six universities, half public and half private, are joining an invitation-only club of top research institutions. Among the new members is George Washington University in the nation's capital.

The Association of American Universities announced the expansion Thursday, bringing its membership to 71, the largest ever. Three public institutions known for providing access to large numbers of disadvantaged students are among the newcomers: Arizona State University, the University of California at Riverside and the University of South Florida. The other two are the private universities of Miami and Notre Dame.

Founded in 1900, the AAU promotes research and defines a certain kind of prestige in academia. Its founders include Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities and the University of California at Berkeley.



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A science and engineering center that George Washington University opened in 2015, aiming to expand its research capacity.

Securing an invitation amounts to a signal that a university has arrived, in some way, on the national stage, especially in the intense competition for research funding and recruitment of top faculty. It can also serve as a bragging point.

"It is important recognition that we have a significant level of achievement, both in education and research," GWU President Mark S. Wrighton said. "It provides us opportunities to develop stronger partnerships to advance new knowledge. It's also a stimulation, by the way, to keep up a very strong trajectory."

Wrighton was alluding to the reality that membership, once attained, is not guaranteed. Sometimes schools are forced out or drop out. Catholic University in D.C. was a founding member, but it left the AAU in 2002.

Now GWU is the city's only AAU member. The university of 26,000 students — the largest in the District — has been angling for membership for over a decade. It opened a massive science and engineering hall in Foggy Bottom in 2015 with a goal of expanding its research capacity.

Georgetown University, also in the District, is highly regarded and usually outranks GWU on measures of prestige such as the U.S. News & World Report best-college lists. There is no sign that AAU membership will suddenly catapult GWU past Georgetown in the higher education market.

But on metrics that the AAU tracks, including breadth of scientific research, GWU appears to have outpaced Georgetown.

The AAU's invitation process is somewhat opaque and, by its exclusive nature, leaves out many institutions others deem worthy. Over the years, skeptics have raised questions about why schools should even aspire to join it.

With its latest announcement, the AAU embraced some universities known as champions of access.

"We are particularly proud that two of our new members — Arizona State and UC-Riverside — are designated as Hispanic-serving institutions because significant shares of their student bodies are individuals from Hispanic backgrounds," AAU President Barbara R. Snyder said in a statement. Some other AAU members are also Hispanic-serving.

Arizona State is a mega-university with more than 140,000 students online and on campuses in the Phoenix area. Michael M. Crow, the university president, estimated that ASU has about 30,000 engineering students. "But we're also a top engineering school, in terms of research," he said.

AAU recognition matters, Crow said, especially to professors. "We are as competitive as any faculty that exists," he said, citing programs in space exploration, sustainability, advanced materials and semiconductors.

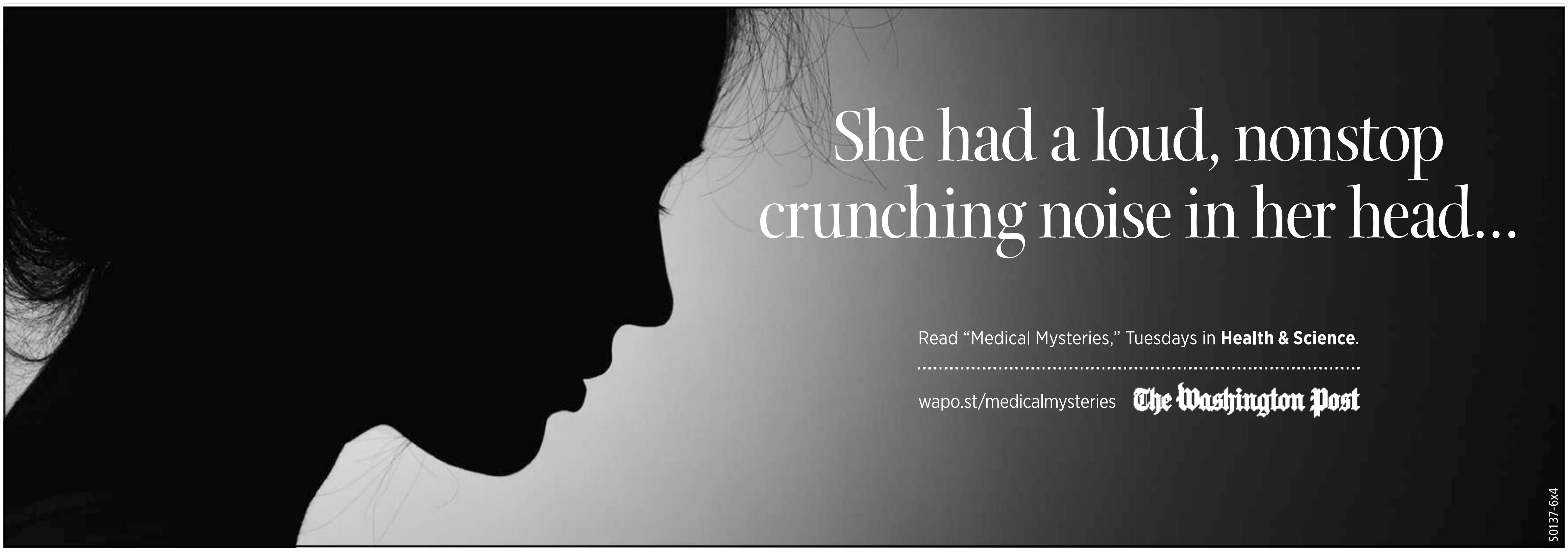
UC-Riverside joins seven other UC campuses as AAU members. Now the only undergraduate-serving UC campus that is not a member is UC-Merced.

Previously, UC-Riverside was on the outside looking in. That had been a sore point with the university's chancellor, Kim Wilcox. Now he is elated to be grouped among the leading research universities in the nation. "These are, nominally, everyone's aspirational peers," Wilcox said. He cited plant science, entomology and clean air research, among other fields, as strengths at UC-Riverside.

For GWU, the quest for AAU membership was so important that it became a factor in recent presidential searches.

Wrighton, who took over in 2022 after the abrupt exit of his predecessor, Thomas LeBlanc, is stepping down at the end of June. His successor, Ellen Granberg, comes from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Steven Knapp, a former Johns Hopkins provost who was GWU's president from 2007 to 2017, also pursued expansion of science and engineering.

Wrighton credited research in medicine, public health, engineering, social science and other fields for helping GWU to reach its goal. It is, he said, "a reflection of the strength of our research faculty."



Debt ceiling deal limits legal challenges to gas pipeline

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directs the federal government to approve any outstanding permits for the pipeline and blocks courts from reviewing them or any other agency action in approval of the project. Any challenge to the deal itself can be heard only by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

"Can they do this? Almost certainly, yes," said Jay Austin of the nonprofit Environmental Law Institute. Lawmakers have made similar moves in the past, Austin said, that have been controversial but generally have been held to be constitutional.

"All the Constitution says is that there shall be a Supreme Court," Austin said. "Congress establishes the jurisdiction of the lower courts."

Environmental litigators said they could not think of another bill that exempted a project from all legal challenges after it had repeatedly failed to meet environmental standards.

"I think there is a separation-of-powers problem when Congress steps in to overturn judicial process at a case-specific level like this," said Earthjustice President Abigail Dillen, whose group opposes the pipeline. "That is not how the three branches are intended to work with each other."

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) is trying to remove the provision from the debt ceiling bill, saying in a statement that "Congress putting its thumb on the scale so that one specific project doesn't have to comply with the same process as everyone else is the definition of unfair and opens the door to corruption."

In 1973, Congress blocked judicial review of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, using language that is very similar to what is in the debt ceiling agreement. But that legislation came about after environmental groups had successfully forced extensive review of the project under the then-recent National Environmental Policy Act. And it was signed in the middle of an oil crisis triggered by the Yom Kippur War.

Six years later, Congress exempted a Tennessee dam from the Endangered Species Act so it could be built despite threatening the small snail darter fish. And a 1992 compromise over logging in Pacific Northwest woods that was the habitat of endangered spotted owls blocked litigation for and against timber mining in the region.

Advocates also point to the Trump administration's use of a 1996 law to exempt border wall construction from environmental review as an example of government bypassing established processes to push controversial projects through. The law allows the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to "waive all legal requirements" as necessary "to ensure expeditious construction" of barriers or roads at the border, and allowed U.S. District Courts to hear only constitutional challenges to the law. A U.S. District Court in California rejected a constitutional challenge, and the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal.

"It's shameful for President Biden to be using the same tactics," said Jean Su, the lawyer who litigated that case for the Center for Biological Diversity. "He's allowing for these Trump administration ideas to come through, that we can curtail an entire branch of our government to build these super-polluting, harmful projects."

White House officials pushed back on the assertion, noting that the debt ceiling legislation is working through the democratic processes, whereas Trump took unilateral action. House Republican leaders and the White House have been brokering a bipartisan deal for weeks.

Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) tried unsuccessfully in last year's Inflation Reduction Act to move oversight of the pipeline out of the 4th Circuit or to ensure that different judges would hear the case.

White House officials agreed to include the pipeline language in the debt ceiling agreement to honor a promise they made to Manchin last summer. To secure Manchin's support for the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats' landmark climate law, party leaders agreed to pass a follow-up bill that would speed up the nation's permitting process for energy infrastructure, including by expediting the Mountain Valley project.

The White House has defended Biden's climate record, pointing to last year's sweeping environmental legislation. The White House has also said Biden "secured a deal to get hundreds of clean energy projects online faster."

White House officials have said the pipeline would likely be completed regardless of the provision in the debt ceiling talks.

"It's something that there's a high degree of interest in, but I think, as a practical matter, this provision doesn't have much of an effect," White House climate adviser John Podesta said, according to audio of a call with House Democrats obtained by The Washington Post.

A spokeswoman for Equitrans Midstream, the lead company behind the pipeline, said questions about the political process were best left to elected officials. Manchin said in a statement this week that he was "pleased" House Republican leaders "see the tremendous value in completing the MVP to increase domestic energy production and drive down costs across America and especially in West Virginia."

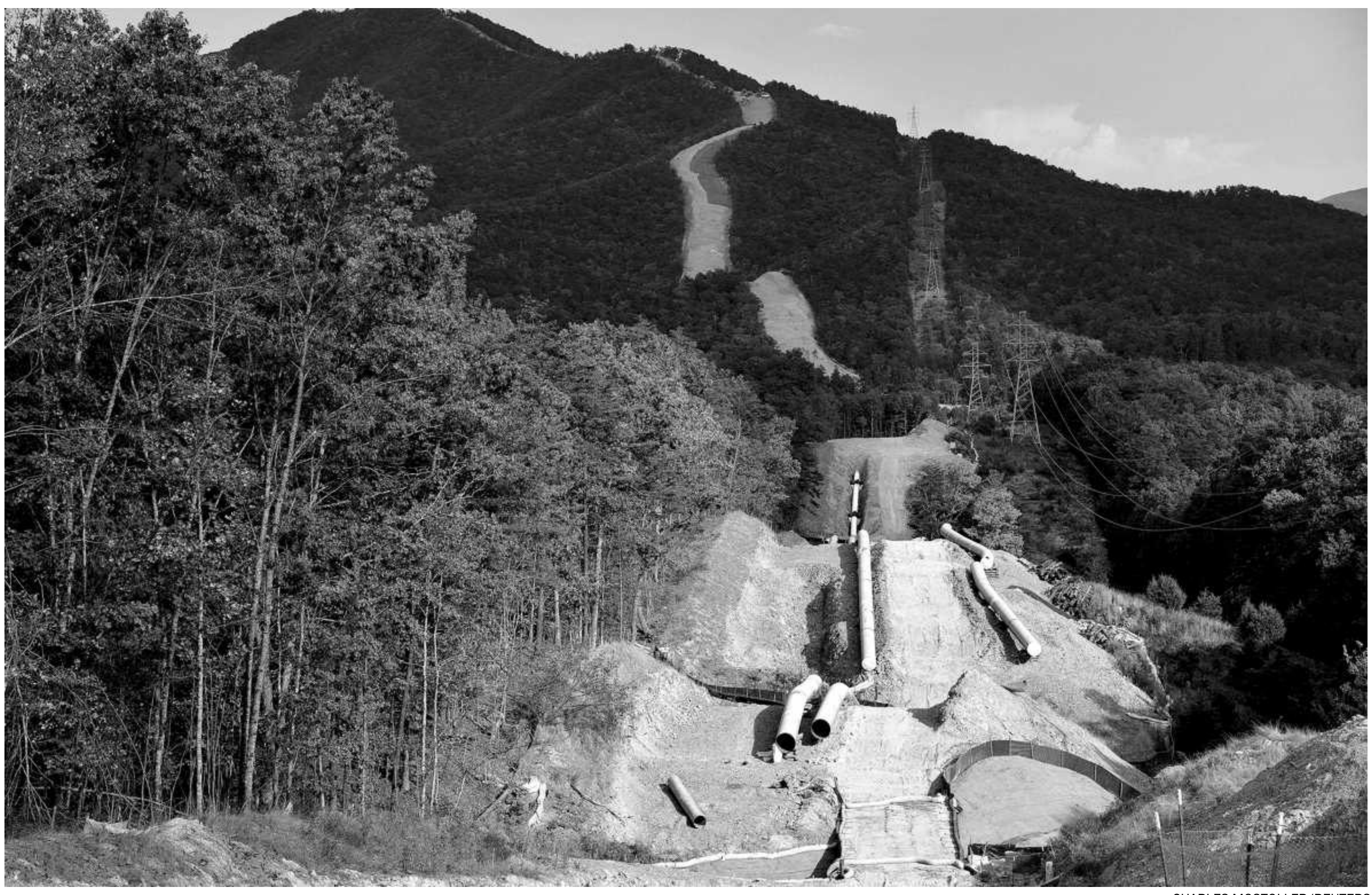
Environmental groups that challenged the pipeline in court say they won repeatedly not because of any judicial bias but because those behind the Mountain Valley Pipeline had repeatedly failed to show that its construction would not cause significant damage to Appalachian waterways.

"I've lost many, many cases in the 4th Circuit," said Joe Lovett of Appalachian Mountain Advocates. "This court is not in the pocket of environmentalists or soft on business or anything like that. They lost because it's going to have unacceptable environmental impacts."

But the Supreme Court also has approved case-specific legislation. In 2017, the court ruled that Congress could pass legislation blocking courts from hearing cases on a specific piece of land, helping a Native tribe operate a casino there.

"We understand why" that law would be seen as "unfair," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for a plurality of the court. "But the question in this case," he continued, quoting from an 1869 precedent, "is 'not favoritism, nor even corruption, but power.'"

Maxine Joselow and Tim Puko contributed to this report.



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Lengths of pipe near Elliston, Va., wait to be laid as part of the Mountain Valley Pipeline in 2019. The project was delayed by lawsuits that cited environmental harm from the 303-mile natural gas line, which is to cross forests and waterways in West Virginia and Virginia.

> *"Can they do this? Almost certainly, yes. ... All the Constitution says is that there shall be a Supreme Court. Congress establishes the jurisdiction of the lower courts."*
>
> **Jay Austin,** Environmental Law Institute

ELECTION 2023

Commonwealth's attorney primary is sole local race on Loudoun ballot

BY OLIVIA DIAZ

Within the past four years, Loudoun County became the face of the nation's culture war. The wealthy suburban enclave of Northern Virginia continues to navigate debates on criminal justice reform, a report condemning Loudoun County Public Schools officials' handling of a pair of sexual assaults committed by the same student and furor over critical race theory. One of the officials in the middle of these tensions is the office of the Loudoun County commonwealth's attorney.

In 2019, Buta Biberaj was among a wave of liberal prosecutors elected in Loudoun, Fairfax and Arlington counties on campaigns to bring change to the criminal justice system. This summer, she faces a challenge from defense attorney Elizabeth Lancaster in the Democratic primary election, which is the only local race on the ballot in Loudoun County.

We asked both candidates in the contested June 20 primary race for top prosecutor to respond to questions about their backgrounds and views. Their responses have been edited for content, length and clarity.

Commonwealth's attorney candidates

Buta Biberaj

First priority if elected: My first priority when reelected is to establish a data system to collect information that can be reviewed that pertains to the charges, dispositions and demographics of the victims and the accused so that we can track how and where crime is being committed. And if there is a trend, who the crimes are being committed by and against.



Biberaj

Background: I have been a guardian ad litem (representing children and the elderly) for over 23 years; I was a substitute judge for the Virginia general district courts for over 11 years; and I was the founding and managing partner of our general practice law firm for over 27 years. In 2019, I was elected to become the first woman, first Muslim and first immigrant to serve as the commonwealth's attorney for Loudoun County; I was also the first Democrat in 20 years.

More on her candidacy: I have added resources to the office, which was anemically underresourced. I have increased the victim witness case management team from four to seven case managers; increased the domestic violence and sexual assault prosecution team from two attorneys to six; and increased the entire attorney positions from 19 to 33. Our focus on community solutions has led us to add the veterans treatment docket to the drug court and mental health dockets. This allows for alternate treatment to the problems that are the root cause of criminal activity. My goal is to take a similar approach to crime in general, working with our stakeholders and the community to stabilize the justice-involved individual by providing treatment, family counseling, housing, job training and more.

Elizabeth Lancaster

First priority if elected: I want to repair the relationship and rebuild trust between the commonwealth's attorney's office and other agencies, specifically law enforcement agencies, community corrections, the public defender's office, the defense bar, the Board of Supervisors and the community at large. If the agencies that must work together continue to operate in silos, with little consensus and coordination, preventable tragedies will continue to occur, like the death of Regina Redman, the Stone Bridge and Broad Run assaults, and the release of a suspected murderer, to name a few examples.



Lancaster

Background: During my 15-year tenure at the public defender's office, I worked tirelessly to fundamentally reform juvenile justice in Loudoun County. That reform has been solid and lasting to this day because of my ability to work across the aisle with multiple agencies to build consensus and buy-in for the type of common-sense reform that reduces recidivism and promotes public safety. I have significant skin in this campaign, as a single mother of two Loudoun County Public Schools students, and have lived in Leesburg for over 17 years.

More on her candidacy: As a 15-year public defender who is now doing education law in private practice, I have a proven track record as a system reformer and consensus builder. The work I have done has been transformative and lasting, in part because of my ability to ardently advocate for change, even with folks who don't agree with me, and win them to my side. As Loudoun's next commonwealth's attorney, I promise to hold myself and my office accountable to our community with the transparency and honesty that has been sorely lacking in the last 3½ years. I will build a team of lawyers and staff who truly adhere to our vision and values, with competence and courage.

What other races are on the ballot?

In addition to the Democratic race for commonwealth's attorney, there are two state Senate Democratic primaries and a House of Delegates Democratic primary on the ballot in Loudoun County.

In the 31st Senate District, former CIA officer and Loudoun County prosecutor **Russet W. Perry** is competing against **Zachary J. Cummings**, a member of the Leesburg Town Council.

In the 32nd Senate District, Del. **Suhas Subramanyam** (D-Loudoun) is running against **Ibraheem S. Samirah**, a dentist and former delegate representing Fairfax and Loudoun.

In the 26th District of the House of Delegates, **Kannan Srinivasan**, chair of the Virginia State Medicaid Board, is competing against **Sirisha Kompalli**, a nonprofit founder.

Chief of VMI's diversity office resigns after 2 years of tense alumni relations

VMI FROM B1

In his note about her departure, Wins said that VMI "remains committed" to three principles that the school's Board of Visitors established right after the investigation was completed: "1. To create and foster a more diverse VMI. 2. To create and foster a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment for all on post. 3. To assure that we maintain a safe, rigorous process for escalating issues which have even the potential to violate the Code of a Cadet."

After Love leaves VMI, her deputy, Briana Williams, will become interim chief diversity officer.

Wins ended his email by saying that he would use "this change in staffing as an opportunity to reevaluate how best to achieve these principles in a manner that is unique to VMI's needs and preserves the fundamentals of the VMI experience."

Bill Wyatt, VMI's spokesman, told The Washington Post that the school's diversity office "isn't going away" and that the school will continue conducting and developing diversity training sessions in collaboration with the cadets and the Board of Visitors.

Love's departure comes after a tumultuous academic year for her department during which some of the college's alumni frequently spoke to school administrators and Board of Visitors members condemning diversity, equity and inclusion. Their attacks coincided with a national anti-DEI movement. In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) last month signed a bill defunding DEI programs at the state's public colleges. Texas lawmakers also just passed a ban on DEI at its state colleges.

At VMI, the biggest opposition to DEI comes from a political action committee of mostly White conservative graduates called the Spirit of VMI. One of its donors is a Board of Visitors member, Thomas "Teddy" Gottwald, chief executive of a petroleum additives company, who gave $25,000 to the PAC. The PAC believes DEI programs teach Americans that White people are racist, one of its essays recently argued, and weakens VMI's military training.



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Jamica Love was hired just days before damning conclusions about the college's culture and racial climate were published.

The group's chairman, Matt Daniel, has denounced "equity" for its "Marxist philosophies" and wrote on the PAC's website in February that DEI "promotes racial division, encourages victimhood, and engages in shaming or protecting individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious or moral beliefs."

This spring, VMI renamed Love's office, excising the word "equity" from Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and instead calling it the "Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion" office to match the title of Gov. Glenn Youngkin's (R) diversity office in Richmond. The purging of "equity" was celebrated by some of Love's biggest detractors in the VMI community, especially the PAC.

In April, when Youngkin's chief diversity officer Martin Brown visited VMI's campus to conduct a mandatory staff and faculty training, Brown declared that "DEI is dead" — a statement that also was celebrated by the PAC.

Perhaps the biggest blowup came in October when Love's office invited lesbian author Kimberly Dark to give a speech on campus that was optional for cadets to attend and only attracted a small audience. Her talk addressed issues around body image and prodded cadets to openly engage with each other about matters of race or identity to "inspire change rather than forcing change."

But some alumni were furious and soon the PAC appeared to target Love in a cartoon published in one of its online newsletters. Shortly after the speech, in one of the group's illustrations, titled "New Year's Resolution," a trash can has a sign sticking out that says, "DEI" with a woman upside down, her legs sticking out clad in high heels.

The online vitriol against Love has been relentless.

In one Facebook group for VMI alumni, parents and cadets, the school's announcement in May 2021 was posted and immediately attracted denunciations.

"Total crap. So are we searching for the best or just filling quotas. The whole idea of diversity officers is repugnant. You look for the best in a colorblind way as MLK would have said," wrote Charles Gardner, whose LinkedIn profile identifies him as a 1974 VMI graduate and a family physician. "To bring in unqualified people just to fill a quota does [a] disservice to everyone. So once you bring unqualified people in and they leave, flunk out, or get drummed out do you now change the rules to keep them in anyway?"

Reached by phone on Thursday, Gardner told The Post he stood by his words and expressed approval at Love's decision to resign.

On Jodel, an anonymous social media app popular with VMI students, Love's resignation was met with a mix of denigration and praise.

"Why is everyone hating on Love?" one person wrote.

"I liked her a lot. If you went to her to talk she'd listen and try to help you," came one reply.

> *"She has been singularly focused on ... making VMI an inclusive institution for any interested and qualified prospective cadet, faculty, or staff member."*
>
> **Cedric T. Wins,** superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute

OBITUARIES



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Don Bateman with an airplane used for product development at Paine Field in Everett, Wash., in 2016. Mr. Bateman developed a cockpit warning system that could notify pilots about potential deadly obstacles, an invention that is credited with saving thousands of lives.

DON BATEMAN, 91

Engineer transformed aviation safety

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

Don Bateman, a former Honeywell International engineer credited with saving thousands of lives with his invention of a cockpit warning system alerting pilots about potential deadly obstacles in their path over land and sea, died May 21 at his home in Bellevue, Wash. He was 91.

The cause was complications from Parkinson's disease, his daughter Katherine McCaslin said.

Combining radio altimeter data with GPS maps, Mr. Bateman's warning system became an elegant yet simple solution to the vexing problem of controlled flight into terrain (CFIT) — the aviation term for when pilots crash after becoming disoriented in the dark, misreading instruments or veering off flight paths.

Mr. Bateman's system emits loud warnings, starting with "CAUTION TERRAIN, CAUTION TERRAIN," followed by the more dire "PULL UP, PULL UP."

Before Mr. Bateman's invention was introduced in the 1970s, such incidents were the leading cause of death from flying. In countries that have mandated the technology, including the United States, those types of crashes have been virtually eliminated.

"It's accepted within the industry that Don has probably saved more lives than any single person in the history of aviation," Bill Voss, then the chief executive of the Flight Safety Foundation, told the Seattle Times in 2012.

President Barack Obama awarded Mr. Bateman the National Medal of Technology and Innovation in 2011 "for developing and championing critical flight-safety sensors now used by aircraft worldwide."

Mr. Bateman first became interested in CFITs while working for a predecessor company to Honeywell in the 1960s.

Back then, there was about one such crash a month in the United States. Mr. Bateman's solution was called the "ground proximity warning system." It used radio altimeter data to give pilots audible warnings about 15 seconds before disaster.

After 92 people were killed in 1974 on a TWA 727 that crashed into Mount Weather, Va., a Federal Aviation Authority investigation suggested that a ground proximity warning might have prevented the incident. The agency ordered that all air carrier aircraft install the system.

While crashes into mountains and other obstacles dropped precipitously, the warning system was limited in that it could only measure what was happening below the plane, not in front of it. The warning window was also small.

Working with a team of engineers, Mr. Bateman updated the system with GPS data, including previously unseen maps of Europe and Asia made by Russian scientists that Honeywell acquired following the collapse of the Soviet Union. The updated technology was also capable of issuing warnings two minutes before a crash.

"Knowing the position of the airplane, we could actually project the flight path that the airplane is on towards that terrain," Mr. Bateman said in an interview with the National Science and Technology Medals Foundation. "We would find an accident and go fly it and see if we could duplicate the flight path and actually get a warning and see if it was adequate in time to pull up."

In a 2015 article in HindSight, an aviation safety magazine, Mr. Bateman recounted several crashes the system prevented, including a plane trying to avoid clouds on approach to landing in Australia that "inadvertently entered into a high rate of descent near the ground." The system generated several warnings, and the pilots recovered before crashing.

Mr. Bateman also described an incident in which a warning was not heeded on a demonstration flight of a new jet in Indonesia.

"The pilot, unaware of the local terrain, ignored 38 seconds of [warnings]," Mr. Bateman wrote, and "switched the equipment off, believing that there was a database error."

The plane hit the side of a mountain.

Charles Donald Bateman was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on March 8, 1932. His father repaired watches, and his mother was a homemaker.

Donnie, as he was known growing up, first became interested in aircraft safety when he was 8. In school one day, he looked out the window and saw two planes hit the ground after colliding in the air.

He sneaked out of school with a friend to check out the debris — and found a horrifying tangle of bodies amid the crash.

His teacher punished them for leaving early by ordering them to write a report about what they saw. "You sure can't spell," his teacher told him, reading the account. "You're going to be an engineer."

Mr. Bateman studied electrical engineering at the University of Saskatchewan, graduating in 1956. He worked at Boeing for two years before joining United Control, which eventually merged into Honeywell. Mr. Bateman retired from the company in 2016.

His marriage to Joan Berney ended in divorce. In 1981, he married Mary Contreras.

In addition to his wife, and their daughter Katherine, of Bellevue, survivors include their son, Patrick Bateman of Seattle; two children from his first marriage, Wendy Bastian of Sarasota, Fla., and Greg Bateman of Redmond, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bateman's children recall that their father, without fail, would issue a warning when they landed together on flights at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"Now we're in the real risky part of our journey," he'd say. "Getting into the car and driving on the freeway."

ED AMES, 95

Pop singer found place on TV with 'Daniel Boone'

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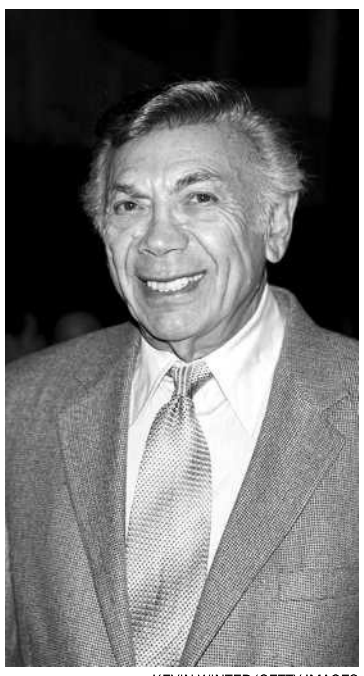
Ed Ames, the youngest member of the popular 1950s singing group the Ames Brothers who later became an actor, notably playing Mingo, the Oxford-educated Native American in the 1960s adventure series "Daniel Boone," died May 21 at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif. He was 95.

The cause was Alzheimer's disease, said his wife, Jeanne Ames.

As part of the 1950s music scene, he and his brothers — Joe, Gene and Vic — were one of numerous pop quartets. He was the last survivor of the four singing brothers. Their recordings of "Rag Mop," "Sentimental Me" and "Undecided" became hits, and they launched a busy career appearing on TV variety shows, recording 40 albums and playing in nightclubs and auditoriums across the country.

By the end of the 1950s, rock-and-roll had overtaken the pop charts and singing quartets were on the decline. The Ameses, meanwhile, had tired of the constant travel and absence from their growing families. The finale for Ed came when he arrived home unexpectedly and his wife called to their 3-year-old daughter: "Who is it?" The girl replied, "One of the Ames Brothers."

"That did it," he told a reporter. "My brothers and I agreed



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Ed Ames in Los Angeles in 2004. During the 1950s music scene, Mr. Ames was in a pop quartet with his three brothers.

that we had all had it and should go our separate ways." The group, which was earning $20,000 a week, played its last engagement at the Sahara in Las Vegas on New Year's 1961.

Mr. Ames's efforts to establish himself as a solo singer were not immediately successful, and he turned to acting. He appeared in the long-running musical "The Fantasticks." He joined the traveling company of Gower Champion's "Carnival!" and transferred to the Broadway company until the musical's final performance.

He won attention as the stoic Native American named Chief in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," a 1963 Broadway adaptation of Ken Kesey's novel.

On television, Mr. Ames was probably best known for his role as Mingo from 1964 to 1968 on the adventure series "Daniel Boone" that starred Fess Parker as the frontiersman.

It was during his run on "Daniel Boone" that he contributed to what was called the longest sustained burst of laughter in the history of "The Tonight Show."

For a 1965 episode, he was persuaded to demonstrate the hatchet-throwing skills he learned as Mingo. The silhouette of a cowboy was painted on a piece of wood, and Mr. Ames threw a hatchet at the target. It landed squarely on the cowboy's crotch.

"I didn't even know you were Jewish," Carson quipped.

Mr. Ames earned top money at Las Vegas casinos and in hotel supper clubs and toured extensively in the musicals "Man of La Mancha," "Fiddler on the Roof," "South Pacific" and "I Do, I Do."

"I Do, I Do" provided his biggest hit single, "My Cup Runneth Over." He had another hit in 1968 with "Who Will Answer?"

Mr. Ames was born in Malden, Mass., on July 9, 1927, with the surname Urick. He was the youngest of 11 children, four of whom died in childhood. Their parents were Ukrainian immigrants, and their mother taught the children to read Shakespeare and to appreciate music they heard every Saturday on the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts.

The four youngest boys began singing at local events as the Urick Brothers. Ed was still in high school when they moved to night clubs, but as a husky six-footer with a deep voice, he was able to pass for 21.

After the four brothers split up, the other brothers also continued performing and recording, but gained less notice than Ed. Vic died in 1978, Gene in 1997 and Joe in 2007.

Mr. Ames and his first wife, Sara Cacheiro, had three children before divorcing. In 1998, he married Jeanne Arnold Saviano.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two children, Ronald and Sonya; a stepson; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Marcella, according to the New York Times.

IN MEMORIAM

FOWLER



WADE R. FOWLER
Happy Birthday, Wade
6/2/1970 - 11/3/2008

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Since you were called away;
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Since that sad fatal day;
But the hearts that loved you dearly,
Through our grief we ever pray,
To meet you in your happy home
In heaven above -- some day.
Love, Mom, Dad, Brent, Taylor, Terry
and Your Family



KLIEGER

JEAN LOUISE KLIEGER
(Age 102)
1919-2022

Service at Washington Hebrew Congregation (DC) 10 a.m. June 4.

THOMPSON

SAMUEL E. THOMPSON
June 2, 1947 ~ November 18, 2022

Son, Brother, Father, Uncle, Mentor and Friend, Vietnam Veteran, Retired DC Firefighter

You are always present within us.
The Family

DEATH NOTICE

AMBRE



AADE AMBRE

Aade Ambre of Silver Spring, Maryland, died after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease at home on May 21, 2023. She was born in Estonia on February 16, 1934 and came to the United States in 1950. Aade, her mother and three siblings, fled Estonia in 1944 to escape Soviet rule. She spent several years in refugee camps in Germany. Aade's survivors are Ago Ambre, husband for 67 years, daughter Karin Francis of Easton, Maryland, and Mark of Whitefish, Montana. Her life will be celebrated in the autumn, her favorite season.

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DECAIN



JOAN CHENERY DECAIN (Age 87)

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Joan Chenery DeCain passed away peacefully, with immediate family nearby, on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Born January 15, 1936, in Brookline, MA, Joan had an active, mischievous, and athletic youth! Joan graduated from Brookline High School and earned a BA from Goucher College. Upon graduation, she moved to Manhattan to join Metropolitan Life. Joan married Vincent F. DeCain in 1959 and they began building their family in Brooklyn, New York and later moved to the Manhattan suburb of Larchmont, New York. Upon Vincent's appointment to the Nixon Administration, the family moved to Kensington, Maryland. Over the years, she was invited to serve in the Reagan White House as Deputy Head of Presidential Correspondence, and the Director of White House Volunteers. Later, for the George H. W. Bush White House, she served as a Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Correspondence for the First Lady, Barbara Bush. She also enjoyed leadership roles at the Republican National Committee and for the Sergeant at Arms at the US House of Representatives. Additionally, Joan was an active member of, and held Committee and Board assignments, with the Junior League, the Salvation Army, the Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club, and Welcome to Washington. While working, Joan had a motto that she shared often: "we work hard in the Winter and play hard in the Summer" and she very much enjoyed active Summers with her Family on Cape Cod, MA, in Bay Head, New Jersey and later in Bethany Beach, DE. She is survived by four adult children, Thomas Chenery (Ann Marie), Paul Frederick (Gema), M. Scott (Sandra), and Ann DeCain Kane (Richard), and her 10 wonderful grandchildren, Marshall, Sophia, Olivia, Claire, Pierce, Charleston, Nicholas, Patrick, Alexandra, and Russell. Relatives and friends may call at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 5949 Western Avenue NW, Washington, DC on Monday, June 5, 2023, beginning at 10 a.m., where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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MCCABE



ELLEN MARGARET MCCABE
"Peggy"

Ellen Margaret ("Peggy") McCabe died on May 14, 2023 in Olney, Maryland at the age of 94. Family members were at her side. With her love and kindness, Peggy enriched the lives of family, friends and all others with whom she came in contact. She was a founding member of Hospice of St. Mary's and served as its first Volunteer Trainer and Coordinator. She owned and operated a historical tour company in St. Mary's County called Terra Mariae Tours. Peggy is survived by her five children, Mike McCabe, Pat Ruppert (Craig), Tim McCabe (Mary), Mark McCabe (Kathleen), Pete McCabe (Jenny); 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren whose names are Ellen, Ada and Boden Bluey, Cordelia, June, Kael and Daphne Felts, JamesCate, Julien and Tobin McGehee, Natalie and Carl Ruppert, Everett and Eva Boyle, Owen and Avery McCabe, Arya Samantello, and Ella Niles.

Viewing and Catholic Mass on June 12 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Damascus beginning at 10:15 a.m. Reception afterwards at Pat and Craig Ruppert's home. Graveside service on June 13 at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Leonardtown. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Peggy's memory may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, PO Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650, http://www.hospiceofstmarys.org

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DEATH NOTICE

BOSTON



CHIEF KEZIAH A. BOSTON

Tauxenent Chief Keziah A. Boston died on May 13, 2023. She was pre-deceased by her parents Lewin Hilary Boston and Lucy Mills Boston, and her nine siblings. Her survivors include her children, William Payne, Myles Payne Gary Carpenter, Sr. (Doris), Mark Carpenter, Sr. (Paulita), and Keziah Payne-Walden (Reginald), as well as 26 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren. A memorial will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church in McLean, VA at 11 a.m. on June 3, 2023.

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DANOFF

ALLAN STEVEN DANOFF

Allan Steven Danoff, of Ellicott City, Maryland, passed away on Friday, May 26, 2023 at the age of 73. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marguerite A. Donnelly; children, Aidan Danoff and Mara Danoff; brothers, Mitchell and Eric Danoff; and father, Morris Danoff. Allan was predeceased by his mother, Janet Danoff; and brother, Robert Danoff.

Services at Sol Levinson's Chapel, 8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208, on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The family will be in mourning at 3400 A Old Court Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, immediately following the funeral service.

DEATH NOTICE

GILLEN

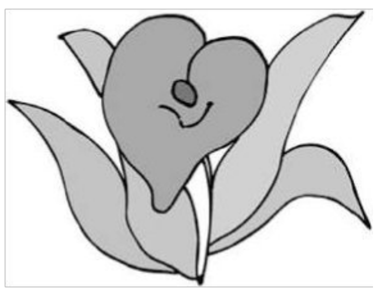
MAUREEN ANN GILLEN (Age 66)

On Monday, May 22, 2023, of Bradenton, FL formerly of Kensington, MD. Beloved daughter of the late Helen and Joseph T. Gillen; Sister of Joseph (Marylu) Gillen, Dennis (Vicky) Gillen, Eileen (Richard) Biava, Christopher (Patricia) Gillen, M. Kathleen Gillen, and the late Eugene Gillen (Nancy).

She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and many special friends including, Ed Whitney, Begay Atkinson, and Jack Bowers.

Relatives and friends will be welcome Monday June 5, 2023 at Holy Redeemer Church, 9705 Summit Ave, Kensington, MD, for a visitation, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Pennsylvania at a later date. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Maureen may be directed to support Dr. Lei Zheng at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Please make checks payable to Johns Hopkins University. Gifts may be mailed with a memo indicating that this gift is in memory of Maureen Gillen to the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, P.O. Box 49143, Baltimore, MD 21297-9143 or made online.

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MCDANIEL



LAURA OLIVIA MCDANIEL

Laura Olivia McDaniel (nee Friedman), of Annapolis, Maryland, passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the age of 62. She is survived by her beloved husband, Edward McDaniel; children, Jacob McDaniel, Katie McDaniel, and Alyssa McDaniel (Thomas Devlin); mother, Maren Friedman; sister, Karin Fraade; and mother-in-law, Monica McDaniel. Laura was predeceased by her father, Fred Friedman; and father-in-law, Milton McDaniel.

Services at Temple Beth Shalom, 1461 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Arnold, MD 21012, on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. Interment Maryland Veterans Cemetery - Crownsville. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in her memory to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation.

MOORE

MARGARET ALICE WIGGS MOORE

Margaret Alice Wiggs Moore, 81, passed away on May 26, 2023 at Haymarket Medical Center. She is survived by her son Tim (Kathy); grandsons Shane and Austin and great grandson Nolan; and son Ted (Kathy); granddaughters Payton and Adison and grandson Jarrett. Preceding her in death is husband Shirrell; daughter Christina; son-in-law David Garbutt and granddaughter April Garbutt.

Margaret was born on January 7, 1942, in Rowlesburg, West Virginia to the late Charles and Isabelle. Her surviving brothers are Archie Wiggs(Charlotte) and John Wiggs(Edythe) along with many nieces and nephews who called her Aunt Buggs. She spent her early childhood in various parts of West Virginia. In 1951, the family moved to Vienna, Virginia. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1959. She fell in love with Shirrell Gene Moore, and they married in 1960 (her husband of 61 years). After high school, she attended Strayer College and earned a certification in General Business in 1961. She went to work after finishing at Strayer as a secretary for the Department of Interior in Washington, DC. She gave birth to Christy in 1962. Timmy was born in 1965 and she stayed home to raise her young kids. Teddy was born in 1967. She returned to work in 1979 as a security officer for the Department of Interior and then retired in 2003.

Margaret was happiest around her grandchildren, family, and friends. She enjoyed exploring family history on both sides of the family. She would spend time doing arts and crafts with the grandchildren and taking them on train rides. She loved taking family vacations to national parks and to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. One of her fondest memories was a family vacation to Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks in 2016.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2023, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Baker-Post Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 10001 Nokesville Rd, Manassas, VA 20110. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. in the chapel. Interment will be held at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, VA 20109 after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a US National Park Service or Homeless Animals Support Network (www.hasn.org). Please sign the guestbook at:

www.bakerpostfh.com

MOSER



MATTHEW M. MOSER (Age 66)

Matthew M. Moser of Alexandria, VA, loved by so many as a husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on May 24, 2023, due to a bicycle accident. Matt passed peacefully, surrounded by family and friends. His legacy will live on through the memories of those who loved him and through the countless laughs and lessons he brought to others. If you knew Matt, you would know that he had a huge heart filled with generosity, and he cared about others immensely—this stayed true through his final act of donating his organs to those who were in need.

Matt will be remembered for his boundless love for life. If you asked anyone what Matt loved most, Bruce Springsteen, the Mets, Jones Beach, Robert Caro, cycling, jelly doughnuts, sushi, and Pepsi (no ice) would all make the list. An exacting editor, he was as particular with his preferences as he was with his pen. But what Matt truly loved most were the moments he could spend with the ones he loved. With his contagious sense of humor, he was always laughing and joking around. Matt could always provide you with facts that you never knew you needed (and sometimes weren't sure you needed even after he provided them). As a lifelong learner, his joy at sharing knowledge was infectious—just one more measure of his constant impulse to give to those around him.

This was especially true for the time he spent with his wife, Debbie. Matt and Debbie met in Canton, Ohio, in 1978 as co-workers at the Canton Repository newspaper. Their first date was, quite fittingly, a Bruce Springsteen concert at the Richmond Coliseum in Cleveland—a sure sign that their romance was meant to be. The love they shared for each other was evident through the 46 years they were together and in how Matt brightened every time Debbie called him by her loving nickname, "Babydoll." Together, they enjoyed going to plays, taking walks, cycling, reading, and cooking each other meals. More importantly, they loved raising and spending time with their three children, Sam, Jen, and Jon. Matt was a dedicated father who did whatever it took—without concern for his time, his workload, or his sleep—to ensure opportunities for his children. He is often remembered for driving a minivan packed with kids to any sporting event or activity that he could attend. Matt enjoyed traveling and was always up for an adventure, especially if that adventure included friends and family, Bruce Springsteen concerts, or a trip to the beach. He never complained or wavered: His code, to borrow from his beloved Bruce, was always to "prove it all night."

In all these ways, Matt seemed as sturdy and reliable as an oak: He was always there to lean on for anyone who needed him. And yet there was a lightness to him; the twinkle in his eye never dimmed. Matt and Debbie would never miss a party or a celebration for friends or family, no matter how many hours on the road it entailed. If friends were there, he was just as likely to show up in Tokyo or Argentina as in Ohio or Long Island. And he would never arrive empty-handed: Matt was known for always bringing the best dish to any party—like his famous grilled shrimp pancetta, cajun pasta, or paella. He had an adventurous palate that allowed him to create his own recipes from something he had enjoyed in a restaurant and to share his meals and his love for food with others. His energy, presence, and commitment were felt anywhere that life took his free-spirited soul. In Matt's presence, no one ever felt crowded, but anyone around him was just as certain that they would never go it alone.

Matt was born on July 23, 1956, to his predeceased parents, George and Miriam Moser, in Freeport, New York. Matt attended Freeport High School and later graduated with a bachelor's degree in history and economics from the State University of New York at Binghamton (now Binghamton University). At SUNY Binghamton, Matt met lifelong friends Ronald Brownstein and Howard Schneider. The ramshackle house they shared along the Susquehanna River often seemed just one stiff breeze away from crumbling around them, but the bonds they built lasted a lifetime. As a reporter or editor for multiple publications, including the Hartford Courant and The Washington Post, Matt was an award-winning and meticulous journalist. Most recently, he enjoyed the final stop of his career at The Pew Charitable Trusts, as an eagle-eyed copy editor who consistently improved a wide range of written material. Matt was once described by a former co-worker as that rare individual so modest he's deceiving about the wide number of his strengths.

Matt is survived by spouse, Deborah Moser (Alexandria, VA); children Samuel Moser (West Hartford, CT), Jennifer Moser and fiancée Megan Tingwald (Charlotte, NC), and Jonathan Moser (Boston, MA); and siblings Michael Moser and spouse Meg Moser (White House Station, NJ), Maggie DeBonis and spouse Bobby DeBonis Sr. (Wantagh, NY), Gregory Moser and spouse Irene Moser (Mount Sinai, NY), and Melissa Moser (Wantagh, NY). He will be missed by lifelong friends Ronald Brownstein and spouse Eileen McMenamin (Venice, CA), predeceased by Howard Schneider (Boxford, MA), and countless other family members, friends, and co-workers he met along his journey through life.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., at Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home, 110 Pine St., Freeport, NY 11520. The family respectfully requests that donations in Matt's memory be made to World Central Kitchen (WCK), https://wck.org. Matt regularly supported WCK's efforts, and the organization's work was a cause dear to him that is consistent with his love for food and for providing meals for people who need them most.

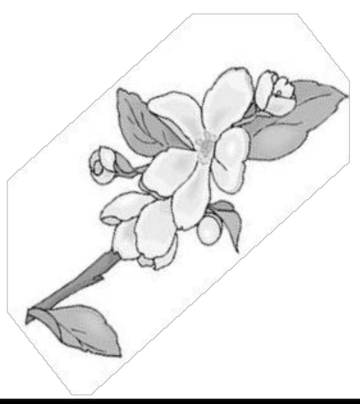
Matt will be missed by many and there will forever be a void in the heart of everyone who knew this remarkable man. What Matt wrote regarding his dear friend, Howie Schneider, when Howie passed away holds true for himself: "But we know that so long as all of those whose lives he touched carry him in our hearts, then he will remain here with us, too. We'll never be apart."

DEATH NOTICE

MISENHEIMER

JAMES A. MISENHEIMER

The members of the Retired Firefighter Association of Washington, DC regret to announce the passing member James A. Misenheimer on May 28,2023. Brother Misenheimer was appointed on September 16, 1962 to Truck 16 and retired on December 23, 1989 as 5th Battalion Fire Chief.



POULSON

HANNAH BROWN DI ZEREGA POULSON

September 18, 1941 to May 28, 2023, following a long illness. She was born in Alexandria, Virginia. While attending Radford College, the Women's Division of VPI, she met her husband, George E. Poulson, Jr., who survives her. They were long-time residents of Clifton, Virginia. Also survived by sons George III, Gregory, their families, sister Mary Jane Hammerland, nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family will receive friends and family Saturday, June 3, at 11 am at the Colonial Funeral Home of Leesburg.

DEATH NOTICE

ROWAN

MILDRED WHITFIELD ROWAN

On May 26, 2023 Mildred Whitfield Rowan of Potomac, MD. Beloved wife of the late Waldo S. Rowan. Devoted Mother of David W. Rowan (Patricia). Sister of Allen P. Whitfield (Patsy). Grandmother of Devon Rowan (Tommy Southworth), Joshua Rowan (Raven), and Lauren Rowan. She is also survived by numerous devoted nieces and nephews. Private inurnment at Potomac Presbyterian Church, in Potomac,MD. Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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SHAFFER

HARRY H. SHAFFER

The members of the Retired Firefighters Association of Washington, DC regret to announce the passing of Life Member Harry H. Shaffer on May 27, 2023. Brother Shaffer was appointed on February 18, 1957 to Truck 17 and retired on January 1, 1985 as Assistant Fire Chief – Services.

SIMPSON

CHARLES HERBERT SIMPSON "Buck"

The members of the Fairfax County Retired Police Association regret to announce the death of Charles Herbert "Buck" Simpson on May 29, 2023, He was attached to the Personnel Section of Administrative Services Division at the time of his retirement in 1976.

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BEENHAKKER



WALTRAUT KAROLINE BEENHAKKER

Waltraut Karoline Beenhakker, born October 3, 1941 in Wels, Austria, died on Sunday, May 21, 2023 in Catonsville, Maryland. Though the final years of her life were very challenging as she bravely lived with Alzheimer's Disease, Waltraut will always be remembered for her elegance, love, and true joie de vivre. Having grown up in the early years of World War II and its aftermath, Waltraut appreciated life, living, and all that she had to the fullest. Waltraut left her hometown and the Urbann Konditerei of her family to study at Sorbonne University in Paris for college. She decided at age 21 to travel to the U.S. for six months with her best friend; while there, she met her husband Henri in San Francisco and changed her path. She and Henri traveled extensively to and lived in a number of countries, ultimately settling down in the Washington, DC area. She worked as an English and French teacher.

Among Waltraut's favorite things were her decades-long international dinner group and New Years Eve Celebration group with dear friends, her French book club, traveling, art museums, downhill skiing, lake swimming, hiking, and sunsets. She could always find a reason to celebrate and loved spending time with her family. She was an immense support to her three children. Waltraut was a dear friend to many lifelong close friends from around the world; Waltraut was a loyal wife of 58 years to Henri Beenhakker; Waltraut was a beloved mother who cherished and nourished her children and their spouses; and Waltraut was an absolutely smitten Oma who adored her seven grandchildren. Waltraut could light up a room with her grace, wisdom, kindness, compassion and sense of humor. She will be sorely missed forever. Waltraut's husband, Henri, and older brother, Gerhard Urbann, predeceased her. Waltraut is survived by younger brother Helmfried, daughter Barbara Beenhakker, son Mark Beenhakker, and daughter Britta (Beenhakker) Mullany, in addition to daughter-in-law Judy Beenhakker and sons-in-law Brian Parr and Luke Mullany, and seven grandchildren Sophia, Nicolas, Annika, Liesel, Hayden, Connor and Athira.

In lieu of a formal funeral service, the Beenhakker family will be honoring Waltraut with a Celebration of Life ceremony and graveside burial at a later date.

GENTILE



BARBARA F. GENTILE

Barbara F. Gentile, a kind, talented and faith filled soul passed peacefully at the age of 99+ on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Barbara was born to Charles and Laura (Woodbridge) Foster in Chillicothe, OH where her love of nature and the out of doors began. She spent most of her school years in Indianapolis, IN and finished her senior year in Miami, FL after the family relocated. Barbara worked for the FBI until she had saved enough money to attend Michigan State University (Go Green!) for a much-cherished year. From there, she moved to the Washington D.C. area and then Maryland where she and her husband Marvin raised their three children.

Barbara was a consummate volunteer – at the schools, the church (for over 60 years) and in the community (i.e., Brookside Gardens, the Leelanau Historical Society Museum, the Clothes Closet, just to name a few). She was a member of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and participated in many other organizations of which Marvin was a member. She generously supported many charitable organizations.

Barbara LOVED-LOVED-LOVED summers in Leland, MI. This is where her heart was. Here she pursued her many interests including bird watching, nature hikes (seeking out many and varied wildflowers), golfing, picking Kolarik strawberries and making jam. Birds loved her, squirrels and chipmunks feared her. She especially loved spending time in Leland with her immediate and extended family, as well as with her dear "Leland family" who were cultivated over nine decades of vacationing in Leland. Story telling and pranking were great enjoyments of hers. And her love for Leland has been passed down to all her children and grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin, and her parents Charles and Laura Foster. Barbara is survived by her brother Dudley (Nicki) Foster; children Bruce (Karla) Gentile, Betsi (Bill) English and Ellen (Bruce) Baron; grandchildren Neil (Ashley) Gentile, Daniel (Amber) Gentile, Ben (Sarah) Gentile and Lindsey English; great-grandchildren Charlotte and Madeline Gentile.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Colesville Presbyterian Church, 12800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20904.

A memorial service will be held in Leland MI later in August (stay tuned).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Leelanau Historical Society Museum, PO Box 246, Leland, MI 49654; Fishtown Preservation Society, PO Box 721, Leland, MI 49654; or Leelanau Conservancy, PO Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654. (leelanauconservancy.org/donate)

KLAVIN



ALBERT JAMES KLAVIN PH.D.

Albert James Klavon, Ph.D., 87, of Silver Spring, MD passed away after a long illness surrounded by family on Friday, May 26, 2023.

Albert had a zest for life and for learning. University of Maryland was his academic home, where he completed three degrees and 38 years of service, 23 of them as an Assistant Dean in the College of Life Sciences. Over his tenure at the University, Albert mentored, taught and advised thousands of students.

Albert is survived by his wife, Sharon O'Brien; son Philip and his wife, Katherine, grandchildren Gage and Rye Klavon; daughter Katerina and her partner, Adam Hostetler; siblings Virginia (Ginni) Grims and Thomas Klavon and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects at the Church of the Resurrection, 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866 on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2 to 2:30 p.m. immediately followed by a Memorial Mass. The interment will be held at the Arlington National Cemetery on a later date.

Gifts to the Albert Klavon Scholarship Fund may be made online at http://giving.umd.edu/to/klavon-scholarship.

MOSS



CARL RAYMOND MOSS

Carl was born in Washington, DC on September 8, 1942, to Peggy Snider Moss and Samuel Alexander Moss.

After some time working for private industry, Carl joined the Department of Defense. While working for DoD he pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree and later retired from the Federal Government as a Computer Scientist. Carl was then hired by the Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) as a Vice President. He later retired from CSC to pursue his love of golf and hunting. Carl leaves behind his wife of 17 years, Donna Moss, three children, Cathie Gilbert, Michael Moss, and Pamela Sander; two stepsons, Kevin Kline and Brian Kline. He also leaves behind 17 wonderful grandchildren and one sister, Margaret Mason. He was preceded in death by his daughter Stacey Witte. He is also survived by his wonderful caregiver, Selam Daba.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023 at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick where a celebration of Carl's life will be held at 11 am with a reception to be held immediately thereafter. Interment will be held privately.

Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at

www.staufferfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

BROKEN ROPE



DEBORAH ANN BROKEN ROPE

Deborah Ann Broken Rope, her Lakota name is "Waci Uwe" Comes Dancing. She was born April 17, 1952 and entered the Spirit World April 11, 2023 at the young age of 70. Her gravesite burial was held at The Historic Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St SE, Washington, DC 20003, May 31, 2023 at 1 p.m. You can attend virtually via this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_g97VISCV0. Arrangements by Snead Funeral Home.

GIBSON



WILLIAM HENRY GIBSON

William Henry Gibson, age 86, of Temple Hills, MD, passed from a long term illness on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. William was born in Washington, DC on November 11, 1936 to the late William Newby and Mary Ethel Gibson. William is survived by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and host of relatives and friends. Friends and family are welcome to gather on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Union Bethel AME Church, 6810 Floral Park Rd., Brandywine, MD from 10 a.m. to the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Union Bethel AME Church Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICE

HARPER



LINDA KAREN HARLLEE HARPER

On Friday, May 26, 2023, Linda Karen Harllee Harper passed away peacefully at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, DC, at age 57. She leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved husband Byron Thomas Harper, son Blake Thomas Harper, mother Gwendolyn L. Harllee and brother Fredric R. Harllee. Her father, Fredric N. Harllee, preceded her in death. Services will be held on Saturday, June 10, at St. Aloysius Church at Gonzaga College High School, 19 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, where the family will welcome friends beginning at 9 a.m. and a memorial service will follow at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Keith-Sean Lindsey '84 Endowed Scholarship Fund at Gonzaga College High School.

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ROBINSON



RUDOLPH ROBINSON

Peacefully entered into eternal rest at home on May 21, 2023. Visitation will be held on Saturday June 3, 2023 at Spirit of Peace Baptist Church, 4311 R Street, Capitol Heights, Maryland at 10 a.m. Service at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery. Arrangements by J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home.

PEDERSEN



GEORGE J. PEDERSEN (Age 87)

George J. Pedersen of McLean, Virginia passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023 with his loving family by his side. Surrounded by his loving family, George J. Pedersen passed away peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2023.

George is remembered as a larger than life visionary and entrepreneur. He was intensely devoted to his family, service to country, community and a patriot who answered the call to serve, protect and defend America's democratic values – anytime, anywhere.

He was the only child of George and Helen Pedersen, growing up in the modest but idyllic Staten Island, New York oyster fishing town of Prince's Bay. George learned to become self-reliant and resilient at an early age. His mother passed away when he was nine and his father worked during the week in Jersey City. George was alone in Prince's Bay but remained under the watchful eye of a close-knit and gregarious community of neighbors and relatives who shared George's Norwegian background. As he would many times throughout his life, George confronted and overcame adversity starting as a young boy. At seven years old, he was injured and suffered near total hearing loss. George worked to overcome this difficulty by learning to read lips – his "superpower"– a skill that would prove advantageous throughout his business career.

George graduated in 1953 from Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City, New Jersey and began his first job at Vitro Corporation in the Woolworth Building in New York City. It was at Vitro Labs in New Jersey that he met his wife of 61 years Marilyn (Ames) Pedersen. He attended Jersey City Junior College and Rutgers University majoring in Finance and then Fordham University for classes in government contracting and negotiation. While attending night classes, he spent six years in the Army Reserves. In 1961 at the age of 26 he married Marilyn.

In 1968, when George and a coworker learned Vitro would be sold, they decided to strike out on their own and started ManTech – formed by the combination of "Management" and "Technology" – landing their first contract to provide modeling and simulation solutions for the U.S. Navy.

While running ManTech during the day, George supported his community of Morris Plains, New Jersey at night and on weekends as a volunteer firefighter. He was adept at putting out fires, something he would continue to do in the business world and in life. In 1976, ManTech was relocated to Northern Virginia to be close to federal government customers.

Over its 54-year history, ManTech has acquired more than 70 companies, eventually becoming a multibillion dollar company with 10,000 employees.

From 1968 until his retirement in 2022, George was at the helm of ManTech for more than 50 years. The company was built on a firm dedication to the customer, our nation's sovereignty and a strategic understanding of what services the government would need and where they would need them along with the ability to attract and retain talented and mission-focused people who could deliver both. Hiring veterans was a key differentiator for ManTech from the start and one that continues to play an important role at the company.

In addition to running the company, George testified on Capitol Hill, took ManTech public in 2002 and always made time to focus on one aspect of his core values that remain imprinted on ManTech – humanity and community. Among numerous philanthropic endeavors, George established the ManTech Special Assistance Fund to help employees who experienced significant unexpected financial hardships; created a program to provide jobs for neurodiverse young adults from the Ivymount School in Rockville, Maryland; and supported Fisher House Foundation which is dedicated to serving disabled combat veterans and their families. Together with Marilyn, George partnered with Johns Hopkins to create the Pedersen Brain Science Institute (BSI), whose mission is to solve fundamental questions about brain development, function and disease and translate this knowledge into effective therapies to support brain health and healing.

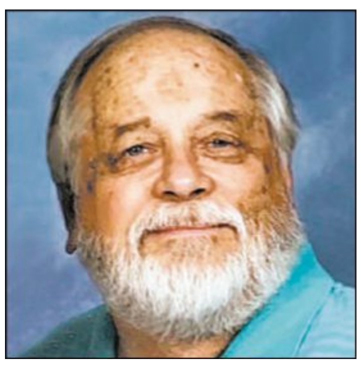
George will long be remembered for his ethics, tenacity, generosity, compassion, hard work and success. He was a force of nature, yet never forgot his humble roots and who he grew up with. His love of the ManTech family was second only to the love of his own family. He is survived by his wife Marilyn; three daughters, Chris Lancaster (husband Brian Lancaster), Jenny Warren (husband Kent Warren) and Maggie Pedersen; and three grandchildren, Eric Lancaster who is a ManTech employee (wife Abby Lancaster), Hailey Warren and Carson Warren.

He will be forever missed and never forgotten. His legacy and passion will leave a lasting impact on future generations for decades to come.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA, 22032. A funeral service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA, 22101 will be held Monday, June 5 at 10 am, followed by burial at National Memorial Park, 7400 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA, 22042.

Memories of George and expressions of sympathy can be shared at https://www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituaries/obituary-listings.

STEVENS



CHARLES HENRY STEVENS JR.

Charles Henry Stevens, Jr., a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and cousin, passed away on May 28, 2023, from complications related to pancreatic cancer. A long-time resident of Gaithersburg, Maryland, Chuck was born in Medford, Massachusetts on February 19, 1945. He graduated from Stoneham High School in 1963, as captain of the football team, and served as a lifeguard on Cape Cod for many years. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Merrimack College in 1967 – putting himself through college, and he studied Computer Science at the University of Maryland at College Park in a graduate school program.

Chuck joined the National Security Agency in 1967 where he met Olivia Fulghum Watkins of Henderson, North Carolina. While he was not permitted to enter Olivia's classified office, she conceded to a first-date dinner at Mr. Smith's in Georgetown on November 24, 1968, in the hallway of the U.S. Department of Defense. Once married, Olivia and Chuck settled in the suburbs of the city they loved, Washington, DC. Chuck left the NSA to join General Electric Co. where he spent the next 32 years of his professional life as a Jack Welch disciple in the GE Information Services business unit. He retired in 2005 to spend more time with his wife, kids, and grandkids. Chuck's favorite destination was Holden Beach, North Carolina – a place that prioritizes family and offers little else but an escape from the demands of regular daily life. He loved to swim, fish, and surf, never tiring of his time in and on the water.

Chuck was very generous with his time, particularly if it included his family. He was an ardent supporter of the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Board as a Ruling Elder, taught Sunday school, and served on the Personnel and Pastor Nominating Committees. Chuck also served as President of the Parent Teacher's Association and the West Riding Civic Association, coached youth soccer for the Gaithersburg Soccer Association, and served as Chief ("Big Cloud") of the local chapter of Indian Guides and Indian Princesses. Chuck was also generous with his words – often repeating his favorite stories about his kids or grandkids to anyone who would listen. He loved good food, reading and collecting books, American history, John F. Kennedy, Elvis Presley, Ford Mustangs, the Washington Commanders, and the 1980 U.S. Men's Ice Hockey Team.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Olivia; his son Charles Scotland Stevens and his wife, Jennifer; his daughter Olivia Sharon Gifford and her husband, Kyle; his older sister Diane Graves (Ken) and younger sister MaryEllen Sinatra (Fred St. Ours). Known as Papa, he was the proud grandfather to seven adoring grandchildren: Olivia Mae Gifford, Robert James Gifford, Charles Irving Gifford, Kathryn Olivia Stevens, Caroline Elizabeth Stevens, Charles Scotland Stevens Jr., and John Watkins Stevens.

Service June 3, 2023, 11 a.m. at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.

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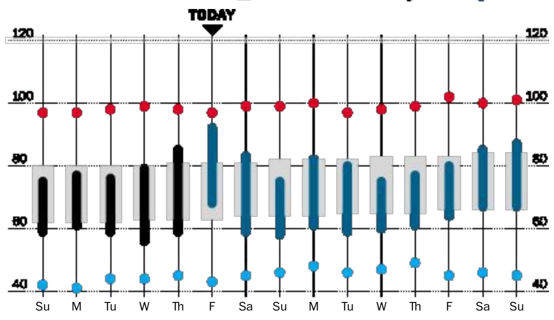
Heating up

Skies clear quickly in the morning and temperatures climb at a rapid pace. Winds are lacking, but humidity is still moderate. Nevertheless, highs in the upper 80s to low 90s will make you break a sweat if you are out for long. In the evening, clear skies and calm winds should drop temperatures fairly quickly for a nice and warm evening. Lows slip into the low to mid-60s.

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly sunny	T-storm	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Showers	Partly sunny
92° 68°	83° 59°	75° 58°	82° 61°	80° 59°	75° 60°
FEELS*: 95°	FEELS: 86°	FEELS: 80°	FEELS: 84°	FEELS: 84°	FEELS: 78°
CHNCE PRECIP: 0%	P: 40%	P: 0%	P: 10%	P: 55%	P: 15%
WIND: NE 4–8 mph	W: ENE 7–14 mph	W: NE 6–12 mph	W: N 6–12 mph	W: NW 7–14 mph	W: NW 7–14 mph
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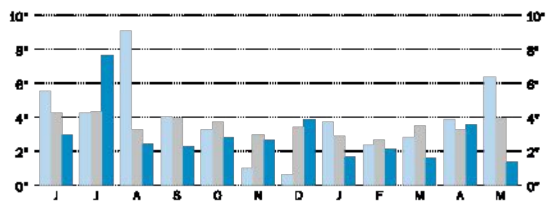


Statistics through 5 p.m. Thursday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**85°** 2:32 p.m.	**86°** 3:59 p.m.	**87°** 3:19 p.m.
Low	**59°** 6:00 a.m.	**50°** 4:46 a.m.	**54°** 4:28 a.m.
Normal	81°/63°	79°/58°	80°/58°
Record high	98° 2011	95° 2011	98° 2011
Record low	45° 1938	39° 1984	42° 1966

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+0.2°** yr. to date: **+3.4°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Normal	0.13"	0.15"	0.13"
Total this year	10.22"	9.98"	10.02"
Normal	16.26"	17.39"	17.36"

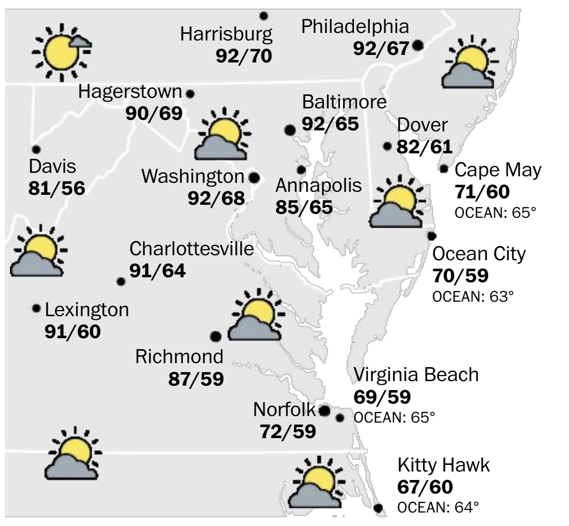
Moon Phases

June 3	June 10	June 18	June 26
Full	Last Quarter	New	First Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:44 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Moon	7:14 p.m.	4:24 a.m.
Venus	8:59 a.m.	11:48 p.m.
Mars	9:55 a.m.	12:16 a.m.
Jupiter	3:51 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Saturn	1:33 a.m.	12:32 p.m.

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass High
Trees Moderate
Weeds Low
Mold Moderate

Air Quality: Unhealthy SG*
Dominant cause: Ozone
SG*=Unhealthy for sensitive groups

UV: Extreme
11 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny. High 69 to 79. Winds northeast 7–14 mph. Tonight, a moonlit sky. Low 60 to 64. Winds north–northeast 6–12 mph. Saturday, a thunderstorm. High 65 to 75. Winds north–northeast 6–12 mph. Sunday, cloudy most of the time.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny; humid in the south. High 70 to 76. Winds east 6–12 mph. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy; however, turning cloudy in the south. Low 57 to 61. Winds south 4–8 mph.

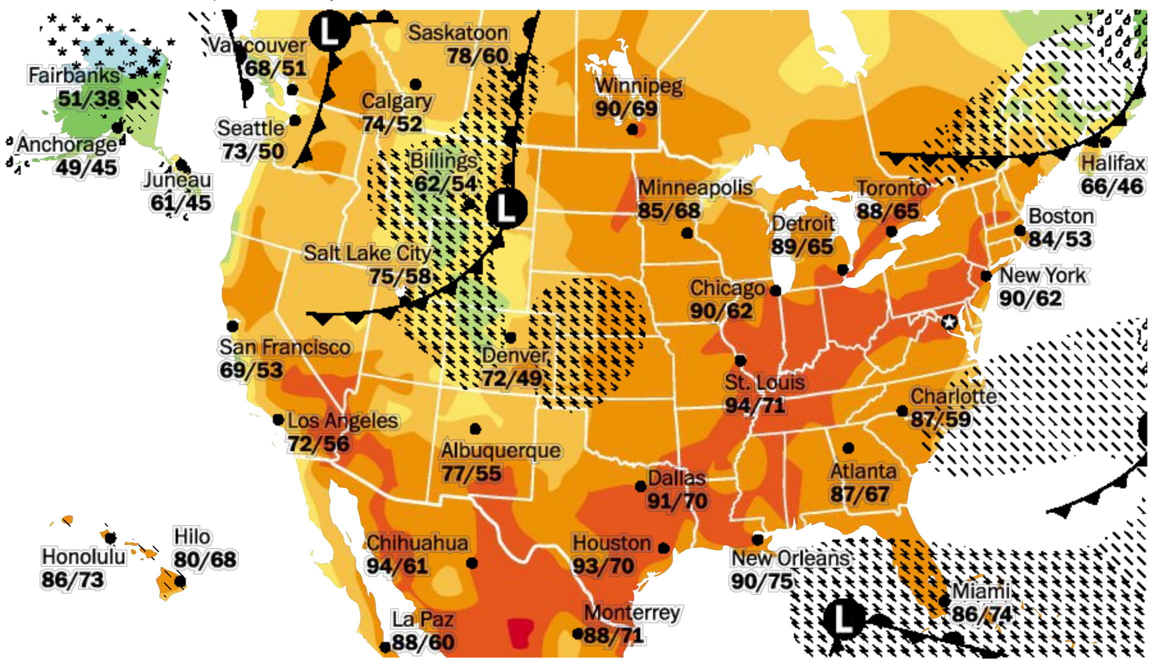
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind northeast 4–8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility generally clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind west 4–8 knots. Waves 0–1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1–2 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.00 feet today, with no change of 3.00 Saturday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	1:27 a.m.	**7:11 a.m.**	2:36 p.m.	**7:44 p.m.**
Annapolis	**4:44 a.m.**	11:22 a.m.	**4:14 p.m.**	10:24 p.m.
Ocean City	12:48 a.m.	**6:40 a.m.**	12:42 p.m.	**7:06 p.m.**
Norfolk	2:50 a.m.	**8:42 a.m.**	2:35 p.m.	**9:04 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**12:25 a.m.**	7:41 a.m.	**12:30 p.m.**	5:58 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Fargo, ND **97°**
Low: Meacham, OR **28°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Sur, Oman **114°**
Low: Grise Fiord, Canada **8°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	90/63/t	72/49/sh
Albuquerque	77/55/c	80/58/pc
Anchorage	49/45/r	57/46/c
Atlanta	87/67/pc	90/66/pc
Austin	91/66/pc	92/67/t
Baltimore	92/65/pc	78/60/t
Billings, MT	62/54/r	71/55/c
Birmingham	88/67/pc	92/67/pc
Bismarck, ND	86/63/t	87/63/pc
Boise	78/56/pc	79/58/c
Boston	84/53/t	56/47/r
Buffalo	84/65/pc	76/53/c
Burlington, VT	87/58/t	72/50/sh
Charleston, SC	80/65/pc	85/63/pc
Charleston, WV	90/61/pc	89/62/pc
Charlotte	87/59/pc	90/63/pc
Cheyenne, WY	67/47/t	60/46/c
Chicago	90/62/s	87/63/pc
Cincinnati	91/67/s	92/64/s
Cleveland	87/65/s	81/60/s
Dallas	91/70/s	86/68/t
Denver	72/49/t	65/49/t
Des Moines	88/67/t	89/66/s
Detroit	89/65/pc	88/60/pc
El Paso	89/64/s	92/66/s
Fairbanks, AK	51/38/c	65/44/c
Fargo, ND	87/67/t	91/67/pc
Hartford, CT	88/58/t	66/47/sh
Honolulu	86/73/pc	84/73/pc
Houston	93/70/s	93/72/pc
Indianapolis	92/67/s	92/65/s
Jackson, MS	90/65/pc	89/64/pc
Jacksonville, FL	83/65/t	82/66/t
Kansas City, MO	88/66/t	90/67/pc
Las Vegas	93/74/s	95/77/s
Little Rock	92/71/pc	94/67/pc
Los Angeles	72/56/pc	74/58/pc
Louisville	93/67/s	92/71/s
Memphis	92/72/pc	95/71/s
Miami	86/74/t	86/73/t
Milwaukee	81/61/s	78/61/pc
Minneapolis	85/68/t	88/69/pc
Nashville	92/64/pc	94/67/pc
New Orleans	90/75/s	90/73/s
New York City	90/62/s	68/54/sh
Norfolk	72/59/pc	73/59/pc
Oklahoma City	83/63/pc	79/63/r
Omaha	86/66/t	89/66/t
Orlando	87/70/t	84/70/t
Philadelphia	92/67/s	73/56/pc
Phoenix	94/74/s	98/75/s
Pittsburgh	90/65/s	89/60/pc
Portland, ME	83/52/t	55/46/c
Portland, OR	78/52/pc	81/53/s
Providence, RI	83/55/t	59/48/r
Raleigh, NC	84/59/pc	88/60/t
Reno, NV	80/54/s	84/59/s
Richmond	87/59/pc	84/58/t
Sacramento	88/55/s	91/58/s
St. Louis	94/71/t	95/72/s
St. Thomas, VI	89/80/pc	88/81/c
Salt Lake City	75/58/t	78/58/t
San Diego	66/58/pc	68/59/pc
San Francisco	69/53/pc	69/52/pc
San Juan, PR	93/79/pc	92/79/t
Seattle	73/50/pc	72/49/s
Spokane, WA	78/55/s	80/55/s
Syracuse	87/62/t	80/50/pc
Tampa	86/73/t	87/73/t
Wichita	82/66/t	79/64/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	73/54/pc	74/55/pc
Amsterdam	65/51/pc	72/50/s
Athens	74/60/c	79/63/pc
Auckland	65/53/r	63/49/pc
Baghdad	103/79/pc	106/83/pc
Bangkok	98/81/t	98/83/pc
Beijing	90/62/pc	92/65/pc
Berlin	68/44/pc	70/46/pc
Bogota	68/47/c	67/49/c
Brussels	69/50/s	75/49/s
Buenos Aires	70/61/c	68/59/pc
Cairo	106/76/s	96/71/s
Caracas	78/65/t	76/66/t
Copenhagen	64/47/s	65/50/pc
Dakar	83/74/s	83/74/c
Dublin	61/45/s	66/48/s
Edinburgh	61/45/pc	64/46/pc
Frankfurt	74/55/pc	79/53/s
Geneva	79/57/t	75/57/t
Ham., Bermuda	77/72/r	75/71/c
Helsinki	50/36/sh	57/44/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	94/79/t	94/79/sh
Hong Kong	94/84/t	92/82/pc
Islamabad	91/68/s	92/69/s
Istanbul	79/64/s	75/64/c
Jerusalem	100/73/pc	87/61/s
Johannesburg	68/49/s	72/49/pc
Kabul	83/54/s	83/56/pc
Kingston, Jam.	86/79/t	85/80/t
Kolkata	105/83/pc	103/83/t
Kyiv	80/51/t	66/45/s
Lagos	87/77/t	84/76/t
Lima	74/67/pc	75/67/pc
Lisbon	77/59/pc	78/59/s
London	67/46/pc	73/49/pc
Madrid	71/55/t	76/57/t
Manila	91/80/r	92/79/r
Mexico City	87/60/c	85/58/s
Montreal	87/54/t	70/49/s
Moscow	72/48/sh	55/41/r
Mumbai	94/86/pc	96/86/pc
Nairobi	75/58/sh	75/59/t
New Delhi	93/76/pc	97/78/pc
Oslo	67/45/pc	72/48/pc
Ottawa	89/57/t	73/48/s
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Prague	69/43/pc	68/44/s
Rio de Janeiro	75/66/pc	76/67/s
Riyadh	103/79/pc	105/81/s
Rome	78/61/pc	78/60/s
San Salvador	88/71/t	86/71/t
Santiago	64/48/r	61/46/pc
Sarajevo	73/54/t	70/55/t
Seoul	81/59/pc	84/58/s
Shanghai	94/71/pc	82/68/pc
Singapore	91/81/c	89/80/t
Stockholm	58/37/pc	63/43/pc
Sydney	68/57/pc	72/59/pc
Taipei City	95/76/r	95/77/pc
Tehran	93/73/s	94/77/s
Tokyo	76/66/r	72/63/r
Toronto	88/65/pc	78/55/pc
Vienna	80/51/pc	73/53/s
Warsaw	63/42/s	66/45/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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VIRGINIA

Man who murdered woman with Down syndrome sentenced to life in prison

BY SALVADOR RIZZO

A 41-year-old man who was convicted of raping and killing a young woman with Down syndrome in her Alexandria apartment was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

David Jasante Cunningham lived in the same apartment complex as Melia Jones, who was cold to the touch when her father arrived for a visit in December 2021. What he found was a haunting scene of violence.

"She was wrapped in her [Hannah] Montana blanket with a plastic shopping bag pulled and tied over her head," the father, Excell Jones, wrote in a statement to the court. He added, "It feels as if I am in a nightmare and I cannot awaken."

Jones was raped and mutilated before being strangled, Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Maana K. Parcham said during a two-week trial this year. A jury in Alexandria Circuit Court convicted Cunningham of aggravated murder and two counts of rape in February.

"There are cases that are uniquely marked by a level of viciousness and premeditation that shocks the conscience of decent human beings," Parcham wrote in a sentencing brief, describing Jones as a trusting and friendly young woman who had recently moved into her own home and whose final moments were "marred by unspeakable terror."

Jones, who had graduated during the coronavirus pandemic from a four-year program for students with disabilities at the Pulley Career Center, "was always eager to try new things and meet new people, and she had a positive outlook on life that was contagious," her brother, André Jones, wrote in a letter to the court. She was a fan of pop stars and gospel music, and won employee-of-the-month awards while working at Reagan National Airport and the Marriott hotel in Crystal City, according to family members and prosecutors.

Surveillance video showed Cunningham stalking Jones as she waited for a food delivery the night before her death on Dec. 4, 2021, according to Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan L. Porter.

After initially telling police he did not know Jones, Cunningham revised his account and said he had been friendly and "flirty" with her and that the two had a brief, consensual sexual encounter around the same time she was killed. When police told Cunningham forensic evidence linked him to the killing, he replied: "That's just scientific evidence. That doesn't mean that I killed her," according to video shown to the jury.

Cunningham continues to maintain his innocence and will appeal his convictions, Alexandria Public Defender Megan Thomas wrote in a sentencing brief. Cunningham's mother and stepfather wrote letters to the court saying that he struggled with drug and alcohol addiction through the years but that they did not believe he killed Jones.

Public defenders requested that Circuit Court Judge Kathleen M. Uston stop short of handing down a life sentence and instead impose a prison term that lasted until Cunningham reached old age.

Uston imposed three consecutive life sentences.

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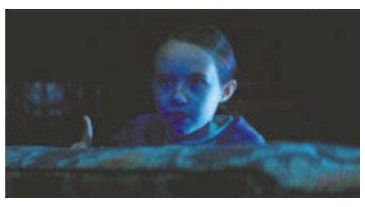
MOVIES IN WEEKEND



Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
★★★☆
The animated superhero sequel is overstuffed, but it's gorgeous. **16**



Reality
★★★★
Riveting docudrama about an NSA whistleblower is stranger (and sadder) than fiction. **17**



The Boogeyman
★★½☆
The movie adaptation of a short story by Stephen King is a creepy, if overly literal, fright. **18**



ILLUSTRATION BY MARISSA VONESH/THE WASHINGTON POST; ISTOCK

What's it like to write for Hollywood? As thousands continue to strike, scribes tell us the job is not nearly as fun as you might think.

BY SAMANTHA CHERY AND ANNE BRANIGIN

The entertainment industry's fourth wall is crumbling as more than 11,000 unionized writers picket for the first time since the 2007 strike, venting more than a decade's worth of frustrations about the experience of working behind the scenes in Hollywood.

TV writers, whose projects are most immediately affected by the strike, have been trying to undo misconceptions about their jobs, which they say were never particularly glamorous even in the heyday of network TV. In the age of Netflix and Disney Plus, many writers say, grueling workloads and vanishing job security threaten the entire profession.

The Washington Post spoke to writers, union organizers with the Writers Guild of America, studio representatives and experts to debunk some persistent myths about TV writing.

TV writers are rich, or at least glamorous?

Many say they're barely scraping by.

Leaving aside one-in-a-million star showrunners such as Shonda Rhimes and Ryan Murphy, it might seem that even the average TV writer is living the dream, getting paid to create stories watched by millions of people, in a star-studded industry that earns billions of dollars annually.

It might even look that way on paper, with the lowest-paid TV writers in the union earning at least $4,154 per week of work.

But TV writing is competitive and brutally unpredictable, with seasons shrinking and shows often canceled on short notice. Many writers say their paychecks get stretched very thin during lean times.

"Before I got this job as showrunner's assistant … I had gone through a period of unemployment for three or four months, and I was feeling very demoralized," said Lindsay Grossman, who was on set for the "Motherland" reboot. "I've been trying at this for a long time, and for it to be that difficult to find a job 10

SEE **STRIKE** ON **C2**

Carlson clips may be result of Fox hack

BY JEREMY BARR AND WILL SOMMER

In the days after Tucker Carlson's abrupt firing from Fox News, a stream of unauthorized, behind-the-scenes videos appeared, showing the conservative pundit grousing about a variety of subjects and making uncouth remarks. In one, Carlson blasted Fox colleagues who cite their preferred gender pronouns; in another, he smirkingly asked an on-set makeup artist if "pillow fights ever break out" in the women's restroom.

The videos were published by Media Matters for America, a left-leaning media watchdog group, but their origin was a mystery — and at a time when Carlson and Fox were embarking on a battle over the terms of his exit, speculation ran rampant. Carlson's media allies accused Fox of leaking them; the network denied it and sent Media Matters a heated cease-and-desist letter.

Now, though, the revelation of a federal investigation into the videos

SEE **CARLSON** ON **C3**

Cosby sued over alleged rape in '60s

BY MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA

A former Playboy centerfold model who says she was drugged and raped more than five decades ago by Bill Cosby has filed a lawsuit against the legendary entertainer under a new California law that temporarily lifts the statute of limitations on civil sexual assault cases.

The suit, filed Thursday by attorneys for Victoria Valentino in Los Angeles County Superior Court, is the first known use of the law in California against Cosby, opening a new front in a years-long and multipronged legal battle against the 85-year-old. Under the law, accusers who allege they were sexually assaulted while they were adults have been granted a one-year window, closing at the end of this year, to seek damages no matter how long ago the alleged crimes took place.

"It's not about money, it's about accountability," Valentino, 80, told The Washington Post in her first interview about the case shortly before the suit was

SEE **COSBY** ON **C2**

Barr, a top editor at Post, is leaving

BY ELAHE IZADI

Cameron Barr, The Washington Post's senior managing editor, will leave the company at the end of June, the paper announced Thursday, capping his tenure as one of the longest-serving managing editors in the paper's history.

During a 19-year career at The Post, Barr helped oversee teams that won 12 Pulitzer Prizes. As managing editor for more than seven years, he oversaw much of the daily reporting produced by The Post.

Barr, 59, is moving with his wife to her native England, where he said he plans to return to writing, including in the essay and memoir form, away from the pressures of daily journalism, as well as taking on consulting and editing projects.

In an interview, Barr said the timing of his departure was mostly personal, and "partly a desire to live a little bit differently, and also a desire to try and find my voice as a writer," he said. "I'm thrilled by the prospect of doing that with my time."

This year, The Post was awarded three Pulitzers and five finalist citations. "This newsroom is performing at an extremely high level," he said. "So I think that allows me to leave on a high

SEE **BARR** ON **C3**

Duggars documentary is the 'reality TV' we needed all along



Monica Hesse

For seven years, plus specials, plus spinoffs, America had the dubious pleasure of following the daily lives of the Duggar family, a supersize gaggle of well-scrubbed Arkansans who procreated with such zeal that the name of the show kept changing: "17 Kids and Counting" became "19 Kids and Counting" by the time of its cancellation, at which point matriarch Michelle's astounding uterus finally retired.

The Duggars needed a bazillion pancakes to get through breakfast. The Duggars drove a literal bus. A whole episode could be made of Duggar laundry day, and of the cheerful way the older daughters mini-mama'd the household chores. The family was a little weird. They eschewed all birth control and prohibited kissing or hugging before marriage. But TLC mostly played it as gentle-weird, maybe even aspirational-weird, up until 2015, when the show was yanked from the air following allegations that oldest-child Josh had as a teenager molested five girls including, as his parents later affirmed, four of his sisters.

That's the backstory you need in order to watch "Shiny Happy People: Duggar Family Secrets," a new Prime Video exposé about the Duggars and the deeply conservative religious organization, the Institute in Basic Life Principles, that molded and shaped every aspect of the family's life. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

Lists are already appearing online of the documentary's most shocking takeaways: The Duggar children were never paid for their participation in the series; dad Jim Bob guarded the purse strings even while at least one of the older kids was forced to go on food stamps, daughter Jill Duggar tells the camera. She also says that she was made to sign contracts without knowing what they were, and to reluctantly film her labor and delivery

SEE **HESSE** ON **C3**



2014 PHOTO BY DANNY JOHNSTON/AP

Josh Duggar, whose family's life was documented on a reality TV show, was accused of molesting five girls, four of whom were his siblings.



ALI GOLDSTEIN/NBC/EVERETT COLLECTION

The storied writers room, as depicted by cast members on an episode "30 Rock." Such creative hotbeds used to be a staple of the industry but have been significantly downsized in the name of cost-cutting.

TV writing job? More like gig.

STRIKE FROM C1

years in, it's a hard pill to swallow."

Back when network television reigned supreme, a typical 22-episode season of, say, "Seinfeld" could employ a writer for 40 weeks or more. But in the streaming era, many seasons have shrunk to 12, eight or even fewer episodes. According to the WGA, a typical writing job for a streaming service lasts about 14 weeks. That means fewer weeks of pay.

But in an era of complex plot arcs and high production quality, writers say it takes roughly the same amount of work to produce shorter TV shows as their longer predecessors, leaving a handful of writers with a more grueling workload.

"I just worked seven days a week, 13 to 14 hour days, for three months to make an eight-episode order," said Danielle Sanchez-Witzel, a showrunner who's worked on network shows such as "New Girl," "My Name is Earl" and "The Carmichael Show," and is also on the WGA committee negotiating with studios for a new union contract. "Me and one other writer worked those hours. It's exhausting. It's unsustainable."

Writers can try to work on multiple shows in a year to balance out the shorter gigs, but many complain that studios are hesitant to hire someone with overlapping commitments, while some simply forbid moonlighting within Hollywood.

There's also the matter of shrinking residuals — the percentage of profits some writers get each time their show is re-aired or licensed. The exact formulas for these are complex, but the WGA says that generally, the residuals from streaming platforms are far lower than those from network TV.

Ultimately, many writers are forced to work jobs outside the industry to make ends meet, or let their careers stagnate by repeatedly accepting jobs at the same pay rate.

Every TV character has their own writer?

It's actually way more complicated.

Well-written dialogue might sound like the product of a single mind, but the real process is messier.

"Every writer in that room participates in mapping out the show, the story and the characters," said Laura Blum-Smith, director of research and public policy at the Writers Guild of America West.

On paper, at least, there's a hierarchy in your typical show — an ecosystem in which entry-level writing assistants and veteran story architects collaborate and teach one another.

At the bottom of the pyramid are writers' assistants, who help keep higher-level writers organized and communicate between different teams. Most of them are not yet eligible to join the WGA.

On the next rung are union-protected staff writers, who may write the first draft of a script. More senior writers, such as story editors, might then tweak and perfect the script — maybe sharpening the snappiest one-liners.

Even higher tiers such as producers and executive producers — also known as showrunners — shepherd the writing through the filming process, often making last-minute revisions as the script is brought to life.

But as studio executives look to save money by downsizing writing budgets, many of these divisions have become blurred. The WGA complains that many writers are now doing the job of several people without any extra pay, and that TV writing is transforming into essentially gig work — with everyone treated like an independent contractor.

Warner Bros. Discovery unintentionally called attention to the phenomenon when it recently relaunched its streaming service, Max, this week. Many writers protested that the new app's preview screens no longer identified who wrote a show or movie, lumping writers in with directors and executive producers as "creators."

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents studios in their contract negotiations with the WGA, has pushed back on some of the claims. Unlike independent contractors, spokesman Scott Rowe noted, writers receive pension and health-care benefits and are eligible for a paid parental leave program.

The big, boisterous writers room?

It's not what you think.

If you've seen "30 Rock" or the "Key & Peele" sketch about "Gremlins 2," you know what a writers room is supposed to look like: a big mess of creative types huddled around a table, swapping jokes and ideas until their collective wit produces a Hollywood script.

There's actually a lot of truth to the cliché. Writers rooms have been a staple of TV almost as long as the industry has existed. They are creative workshops that guide a show from conception to last-minute edits and plot pivots that crop up during filming.

Or, they used to be. The walls are closing in on writers rooms, which have been significantly downsized in the name of cost-cutting since the last WGA strike in 2007, and which the union says will soon be extinct if the studios have their way.

"The companies are trying to eliminate the writers room and turn writing into a freelance profession," WGA negotiator (and writer) Adam Conover said on "The Town with Matthew Belloni" podcast last month.

The term "mini-room" has become a pejorative industry shorthand for the downsizing. In some cases, studios are actually hiring fewer writers per show. But more commonly, writers are becoming more like temporary workers than integral parts of a production. Sanchez-Witzel says that often, only a handful of writers get to stay on for the entire production process, leaving the showrunner and maybe two or three other writers to handle all subsequent script changes.

In the long term, some worry about what will happen to the craft without rooms where fledgling writers can learn from experienced colleagues.

"If we're creating a system where nobody is learning how to actually make television at the higher levels, no one's going to be making television in 10 years," said film critic and writer Drew McWeeny.

The studios don't exactly deny shrinking the writers room. The union's demand for mandatory staffing "is in reality a hiring quota that is incompatible with the creative nature of our industry," Rowe, the AMPTP spokesman, said in a statement. "We don't agree with applying a one-size-fits-all solution to shows that are unique and different in their approach to creative staffing."

TV is popular, so jobs must be plentiful?

Quite the opposite, in fact.

There are more shows than ever before. But shorter seasons and the shrinkage of the writing room have created a paradox of fewer jobs.

More than twice as many original English-language shows were released in 2022 compared with a decade earlier, according to research from FX Networks — 599 to 288.

But whereas a typical network show might have had 10 to 12 writers or more, streaming services tend to hire between six and eight.

Kyra Jones, a writer on "Queens," "Woke" and "The Right Swipe," said the competitive job market poses "one of the biggest threats to increasing diversity and inclusion in television writing."

Showrunners "end up being scared to take a chance on a writer with less experience," she said. "They want to make sure that they have someone who they think can get the job done as quickly and efficiently as possible, making the rooms very top-heavy and only hiring executive producers or co-executive producers, high-level writers, which leaves us out in the cold."

Jones moved from Chicago to Los Angeles to pursue her career after successfully landing two writing jobs. Instead, she had to go on unemployment last year and now works remotely part-time at her old job — Northwestern University's sexual health and violence resource center — while she waits for another opportunity in TV.

Writers finally 'make it' when they get a hit show?

Actually, they may not even know.

Hollywood has long marketed itself on the American Dream, an opportunity for real-life rags-to-riches stories. Ava DuVernay climbed her way up from a film publicist to an Emmy-winning producer, for example. Larry David sold bras and drove cabs in New York before striking gold with "Seinfeld."

Many writers say the past five to 10 years have broken the machinery of career advancement that made those star turns possible. What's more, it's getting harder and harder for them to even know how many people watch their shows.

Streamers have much more data about their viewers than box offices or networks that rely on Nielsen ratings ever could, but the companies closely guard this information — even from their writers.

Writers whose projects are streaming-only are paid a flat residual rate based on how many subscribers are on the service. For example, a writer whose work streams on Netflix will make more money than one who writes for a smaller streamer such as Paramount Plus. But within a particular streaming service, the pay is the same. Writers on Netflix megahits such as "Stranger Things" or "Bridgerton" earn the same pay as those who write the lowest-viewed shows on the platform, Kaufman said.

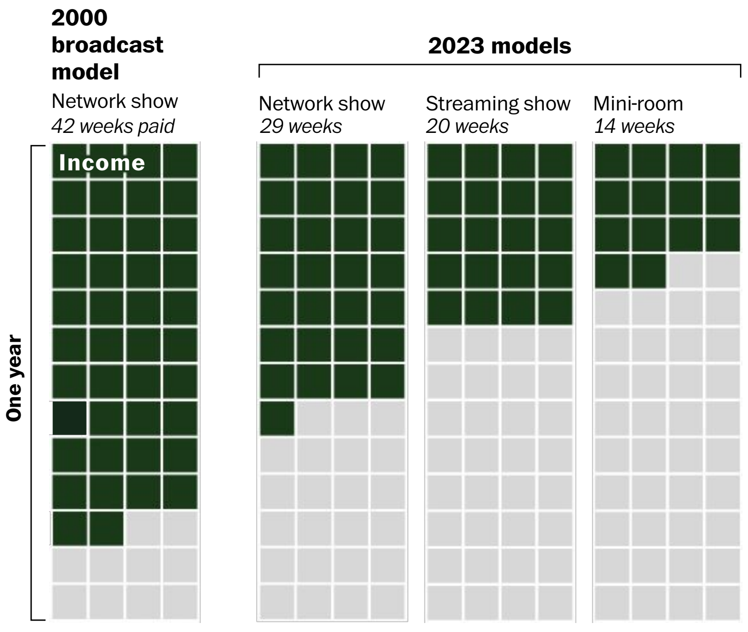
"[Streamers] boast to Wall Street about the technology they use in their algorithms, and then they tell us nothing," Sanchez-Witzel said.

Writers say that not knowing how successful their work is undercuts their ability to demand better pay — a particular concern given that streaming residuals are lower than for network shows. It also chips away at the notion of Hollywood's meritocracy.

"If you make something, and a billion people watch it, you don't make more money than if it was a disaster," writer-director Judd Apatow told Variety this month. "That's not good for creativity because it takes away a lot of the motivation for the creative people, because people work really hard to create some sort of cushion for their lives."

TV writers today have fewer weeks of guaranteed work, resulting in reduced and unstable income

In recent years, staff writers have had to work for multiple shows per year to make the same income as in previous years, when writers often worked for only one show, according to the Writers Guild of America. Television jobs are competitive and unstable, and multiple shows per year is not guaranteed.



Staff writers work an average of 20-25 weeks per year, which guarantees a $4,546 minimum weekly income. Of that, they take home about two-thirds of the pay, after fees and taxes.



Note: Minimum weekly pay set by the 2020 Writers Guild of America contract.

Source: Writers Guild of America

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Cosby's accuser says in lawsuit that Hollywood star drugged and raped her

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filed. "Rape steals something from you that cannot be repaired or restored."

Valentino said a New York civil jury decision last month that former president Donald Trump had sexually assaulted the journalist E. Jean Carroll gave her a boost of confidence.

"Her winning her case was affirmation we were doing the right thing," Valentino said.

In her lawsuit, Valentino says she briefly met Cosby in 1969 while she was an actress and singer. Later, she says, they ran into each other at a Los Angeles restaurant, and Cosby came over to say hello after spotting her in tears over the recent drowning death of her 6-year-old son. Later that day he gave her a pill, she says.

"Here! Take this!" she alleges that Cosby told her. "It will make you feel better. It will make us ALL feel better."

Valentino's case follows lawsuits filed late last year by six Cosby accusers under a similar law in New York, commonly referred to as a "lookback" provision, that set a one-year window that expired at the end of 2022. Cosby, who has been accused of rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment by at least 60 women, has denied committing sex crimes against anyone.

"In my opinion, these women are not victims of sexual assault, they are victims of greed," Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said in an interview after Valentino's suit was filed.

Wyatt said he believes the string of accusations against Cosby are part of a "formula" used to disparage and discredit successful Black men, including Cosby and R. Kelly, the star musician convicted in 2022 of multiple child pornography and child sex-abuse charges.

"They don't want this Black man to leave this earth as America's dad. They don't want white kids looking up to him as America's dad and wanting their fathers to be like him," Wyatt said in a statement.

After the New York suits were filed, Wyatt called the cases "frivolous" and said the entertainer looked forward to defending himself in court. The lawsuits "ARE ALL ABOUT MONEY," Wyatt's statement said. Cosby could not immediately be reached for comment about the Valentino lawsuit.

Cosby's accusers, many of whom call themselves "sister survivors," suffered a setback in 2021 when his conviction on charges of drugging and sexually assaulting a former Temple University basketball official was overturned based on a previous non-prosecution agreement related to the same alleged incident. He was released from a Pennsylvania state prison after having served more than two years of a three-to-10-year sentence.

But Cosby's accusers have won multiple victories in civil suits, which have a lower standard of proof than criminal cases. In June, a California jury found Cosby guilty of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl, Judy Huth, at the Playboy Mansion in 1975 and awarded her $500,000. (In California a person can sue for sexual assault that occurred when they were a minor until the age of 40, or within five years of learning about the alleged assault through therapy or other means.) In 2019, seven



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"It impacts everything in your life," Victoria Valentino says about Bill Cosby's alleged sexual assault of her in 1969.

accusers who argued that Cosby and his legal team smeared them by saying they were not telling the truth about sexual assault allegations, reached a settlement for an undisclosed amount in a lawsuit. Cosby reacted angrily, saying his insurance company, AIG, which provided defamation coverage and legal representation through a provision of his homeowners insurance policy, settled the case without his approval.

Valentino is represented by Jeff Anderson, a prominent Minnesota-based attorney who also represents one of the women who sued Cosby in New York. In California, Anderson also represents a woman who has sued Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler, alleging he sexually assaulted her when she was a teenage minor.

Valentino's case goes well beyond accusations against Cosby. As part of the same lawsuit, she is also suing between one and 20 unnamed people, including Cosby's agents, servants and other employees that she alleges enabled Cosby's alleged assault. She plans to identify those defendants as she learns their names during the course of discovery related to the lawsuit.

Valentino, who lives in Arizona, has been a high-profile Cosby critic since first publicly discussing her rape allegations in a 2014 interview with The Post. She later was a constant courthouse presence in Pennsylvania during a 2017 Cosby criminal trial that ended in a mistrial and during the trial in which he was convicted the next year. Since then, she has become an advocate for loosening sexual-case restrictions, including playing a prominent role in significantly lengthening the statute of limitations in sex crimes cases in California and other states.

While that effort was underway, there was a parallel lobbying campaign to lift restrictions on civil cases. Activists chose to target New York state and California because they have a concentration of four industries with high levels of sex-assault allegations: music, film, fashion and theater.

By the time Valentino says she met Cosby at an acting audition in 1969, she had gained a measure of notoriety for her 1963 centerfold appearance in Playboy, then one of the most popular magazines in the United States. Her accusations are similar to those made by dozens of women: Cosby met them while they were aspiring or rising actresses or models, groomed them as potential sexual assault victims, then allegedly drugged and raped them.

In Valentino's case, she says she had a chance encounter with Cosby at a Melrose Avenue hot spot, Café Figaro. Cosby spotted her crying over the death of her son, she says. He offered to pay for her and a friend who was dining with her to take a steam bath at a Finnish spa. He sent a car for them when they finished their treatments, and they were whisked to a Sunset Strip steakhouse for dinner, according to the lawsuit. While they ate, Valentino says, Cosby gave both her and her friend pills.

When they finished, Valentino's suit says, Cosby drove them himself to an office, ostensibly so they could see memorabilia from "I Spy," the show in which Cosby broke ground as the first African American lead actor in an American television series. While there, Valentino alleges, both she and her friend passed out. Valentino says she awoke and saw Cosby approaching her friend. Fearing he was going to sexually assault the woman, who is not identified in the lawsuit, Valentino says she tried to protect her friend. Cosby became angry, she says, and raped her. The alleged incident is described in graphic detail in the lawsuit.

Afterward, Valentino's life became a shambles for a time, she said in The Post interview. Traumatized, she dropped a recording contract and retreated to a remote home, only occasionally resurfacing to play bit parts in low-budget films to help pay the rent. (Victoria Valentino should not be confused with a porn actress of the same name.)

She eventually left Los Angeles and moved to New Orleans, where she is something of a cult figure among in-the-know patrons of a French Quarter bar, the Bombay Club, because a topless painting of her hangs in the men's bathroom.

Eventually, she left New Orleans and moved to the Southwest, becoming a registered nurse and recently writing a memoir. In 2020, at the age of 77, she appeared — fully clothed — in one of the final editions of Playboy, which featured former centerfolds.

It was great fun, she said, but the scars of what she says happened to her in 1969 have remained with her through the decades.

"It impacts everything in your life," Valentino said in the interview. "It's like a stone dropped into a still pool, and all of those expanding ripples touch shores you could never have imagined."

Lawyer says Carlson footage was acquired by legal means

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suggests a new theory: Instead of a leak operation, were the videos hacked?

Late last week, a U.S. attorney in Florida alerted Fox that it might be the victim of several cybercrimes, including wiretapping and the intentional unauthorized access of a computer. The Tampa Bay Times, which first reported the notification letter, connected it to an FBI search in early May at the home of a local city council member and her husband, veteran journalist Timothy Burke.

A lawyer for Burke, Mark Rasch, confirmed to The Washington Post that Burke's home was searched in connection with the Fox cybercrime investigation. But he denied any criminal behavior by Burke.

"He never hacked Fox News," Rasch said. "We are confident that when all the facts come out, it will be demonstrated that Timothy never hacked anyone and that all the information he provided was accessible to the public."

Rasch declined to say where Burke found the videos. Instead, he offered a defense rooted in the First Amendment rights afforded journalists: that Burke had done nothing beyond his role as a seeker and publisher of newsworthy information.

Over nearly a decade working in digital media, most prominently at the sports news website Deadspin, Burke has gained a reputation as a savvy investigator and chronicler of online video. He has excelled at capturing publicly available video and stitching it together for provocative impact, as he did with a March 2018 compilation that juxtaposed clips of TV anchors for different Sinclair Broadcast Group stations across the country reading from the same corporate script warning about "biased and false news" from rival outlets.

Burke no longer works for a news organization and runs his own communications company, but Rasch said he is still engaged in journalism.

"Tim is a master at finding links to stuff publicly posted on the internet," he said. "If a video is posted, public, unencrypted and unprotected, then there's simply no crime committed when a journalist like Tim finds it, reviews it and accurately reports on it, even where, and maybe especially where, the subjects wish it was suppressed. That's the essence of journalism in the digital age."

In addition to the videos published by Media Matters, the investigation is exploring the publication last fall of another unauthorized Carlson video, featuring unaired footage edited out of his interview with rapper Ye, formerly known as Kanye West.

The video, published by Vice, caused a sensation because the excised material — including antisemitic comments from Ye and a baffling digression about "fake children" being planted in his home — undermined Carlson's on-air attempts to present the MAGA-convert star as thoughtful and levelheaded.

But the Justice Department letter to Fox, which was obtained by The Post, makes clear that neither Media Matters nor Vice are in trouble for publishing the



RICHARD DREW/AP

Behind-the-scenes video footage of Tucker Carlson making uncouth remarks on the set of his former show on Fox News was published online by Media Matters for America.

unauthorized material.

Aaron Mackey, free speech and transparency litigation director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said publishers have "a near absolute First Amendment right to report on materials, regardless of the fact of whether that material was obtained illegally" — as long as they don't play a "direct role" in procuring them.

"Tim [Burke] is a master at finding links to stuff publicly posted on the internet."

Mark Rasch, a lawyer for Burke

In a statement, Media Matters president Angelo Carusone defended the publication of the Carlson videos, saying that "reporting on newsworthy leaked material is a cornerstone of journalism."

He has also declined to discuss how Media Matters obtained the videos.

In 2012, Fox News producer Joe Muto was fired for copying and distributing internal videos, including a not-for-broadcast conversation between Sean Hannity and Mitt Romney, and footage of Newt Gingrich being made up for a TV spot. Muto, who was paid by the blog Gawker for stories he wrote about Fox, ultimately pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors.

In an interview, Muto said the Media Matters videos of Carlson struck him as authentic. "It seemed like it was downloaded or copied at pretty decent quality from [their] internal systems," he said. "This wasn't someone holding their phone up to the screen."

Muto theorized that the videos were obtained by someone who gained access to the company's internal content management system, which he said is designed to balance security with access so that employees from across the company can work on a piece of video.

The Justice Department letter cites allegations that an unnamed person violated laws against "intentional unauthorized use of a computer."

But while the case has been billed as a "hacking" of Fox News, Orin Kerr, a University of California at Berkeley law professor, said violating that law could be as simple as using Fox login credentials a person isn't permitted to have.

"It doesn't require technical sophistication," Kerr said. "Guessing someone's password would be an 'unauthorized access.' It doesn't require sophisticated software."

MONICA HESSE

Duggars docuseries highlights intense religious anxiety beneath the quirkiness

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because viewership spiked during wedding or baby episodes.

After watching all four parts of the series, here's a tiny little nugget I can't stop thinking about: In the culture of IBLP — a uniquely American spin on Christianity where the logo is a bald eagle landing on a Bible — boys in families are discouraged from changing their baby sisters' diapers.

The thinking, as explained by the former IBLP adherent who mentions the rule, was that exposure to female genitalia, even those belonging to *an infant,* would be too much temptation for a pubescent male.

Hoo boy.

It's hard to imagine what kind of sad brain would even come up with such logic — or maybe it isn't, because the documentary also notes that more than 30 women accused former IBLP head honcho Bill Gothard of harassment before he was ousted from his post.

It's *not* hard to imagine the damage that such a teaching would inflict on the parishioners who internalized it — the parishioners who were taught that girls and women are temptresses, that boys and men are deviant at heart, and that the way to handle discussions about sex and bodies is to never, ever have them.

Perhaps you remember the Megyn Kelly interview that Jim Bob and Michelle sat through in an apparent effort to save their reputation after allegations of Josh's sexual abuse came to light. A saucer-eyed Michelle told Kelly that the family had enacted "safeguards" to make sure nothing like that ever happened again.

"Little ones don't sit on big boys' laps, unless it's your daddy," she explained. None of the children were allowed to play hide-and-seek, nor were a brother-sister pair ever allowed to be in a room alone without a third to chaperone. The family's insistence on "side hugs" — clinical peripheral squeezes rather than anything requiring two arms — had been noted online but suddenly had context.

The Duggars appeared to sincerely believe that they could safeguard sin away from their household by wearing longer dresses, subscribing to rigid gender roles, praying harder. "Shiny Happy People" makes it clear that this wasn't a desperate family's magical thinking. This was IBLP doctrine. An organizational workbook for grade-schoolers contained an exercise in which students were instructed to circle the dangerous, "immodest" attire — an exposed knee or shoulder — worn by a series of women.

In 2015, Jim Bob and Michelle explained that they had sent Josh to a church-run program to rehabilitate him. "We had taken



BETH HALL/AP

Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar pose after the birth of their 17th child in 2007. A new docuseries reveals that the parents' preoccupations with purity and modesty weren't part of a kitschy family creed but were instead *do-this-or-go-to-hell* requirements of their faith.

care of all that years ago," is what they told Kelly. It never seemed to occur to them that IBLP might be spectacularly ill-equipped to treat a troubled boy like Josh. In the documentary, multiple women recount how IBLP teachings had made them *more* susceptible to abuse: As girls, they were taught that it was their job to always obey men, and they were denied the sex education necessary to communicate, or even fully grasp, when bad things happened to them.

In 2021, Josh, now a 30-something man, was sentenced to more than 12 years in a child pornography case and is currently in prison.

To be very clear, I'm not saying that IBLP caused Josh Duggar's behavior. Hundreds of children were raised in the faith and grew up to be decent, well-adjusted adults.

What I'm saying, more than anything, is that "Shiny Happy People," rather than "19 and Counting," is the reality show that should have been made all along.

We didn't need episodes about the gallons of peanut butter consumed by the Duggar household, and we didn't need to marvel at the way the Duggar children all seemed to do their chores, practice their instruments and go on chaste, chaperoned dates with romantic prospects of their parents' choosing — smiling all the while, and without complaint.

How did the Duggars do it?!

They did it — at least, as the former IBLP adherents describe the situation — because they were in a "cult." They did it because their rigid faith preached frequent corporal punishment, subjugation of women, and a profound fear and distrust of the outside world. They did it because the self-discipline and obedience depicted on camera might have been a church virtue, but those virtues came at a huge cost, and viewers never saw that cost weighed when the camera was rolling.

That's what we needed to see. The cost. The complexity. We needed to know that the Duggars' preoccupations with purity and modesty weren't part of a kitschy family creed but were instead *do-this-or-go-to-hell* requirements of their faith. We needed to know that the same religious doctrine that caused this family to thrive had broken other families.

And, by the way, *had* it caused the Duggars to thrive? Or had it simply taught them that showing distress, or even asking questions, would be seen as a personal failure or sign or moral decay?

I don't know whether the show I'm describing would have lasted for seven years. But as far as reality television goes, it would have been a lot more real.

Post's top editor lauds Barr's diligence in promoting journalistic principles



MARVIN JOSEPH/THE WASHINGTON POST

Washington Post senior managing editor Cameron Barr in 2015. He is stepping down after a 19-year career at the newspaper.

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note with grace and dignity, which was always my goal. And I know The Post is in good hands."

Barr leaves two years after Sally Buzbee became the paper's new executive editor, a role he filled on an interim basis for three months after the departure of Martin Baron.

In a note to staff, Buzbee said Barr "has brought impeccable judgment and a deeply principled approach to his work at The Post." She also said he was "enormously generous in his help to me" after she joined the paper.

"What Cameron really cares about is that The Post be excellent — mission driven, of the highest quality, ethical, committed to its values, superb in its journalism, huge in its ambition," she wrote.

The Post's masthead has seen substantial turnover since Buzbee's appointment — not an uncommon occurrence with the arrival of a new executive editor — with only one of the four managing editors remaining from Baron's tenure.

Barr came to The Post in 2004 after 14 years at the Christian Science Monitor, where he worked mostly as a foreign correspondent. He began as a reporter in The Post's suburban Montgomery County bureau before moving into management, first as the editor overseeing Middle East coverage and eventually taking leadership of the sprawling National staff in 2013. In his two years in that role, his reporters uncovered National Security Agency surveillance disclosures and failures within the U.S. Secret Service. He also oversaw the assembly of a massive new database to track fatal police shootings.

"You just feel like you always can sleep well at night if he's in charge of something, whether that's a project, or staff, or a big complex story," said Los Angeles Times Executive Editor Kevin Merida, who worked alongside Barr during his own years as both national and managing editor of The Post.

In December 2015, Baron tapped Barr as a managing editor after Merida left for ESPN.

It coincided with a tumultuous time for the media industry grappling with the unprecedented challenges of covering the political rise of Donald Trump. Barr told the New York Times in July 2015 that "we have to take seriously anyone who polls as seriously as he does among Republicans."

During the campaign and into his years as president, Trump regularly lobbed attacks at the press, and at The Post specifically. On one occasion, a Trump official asked Barr to not print the fact that then-national security adviser Michael Flynn had lied to a Post reporter. Barr declined.

"He has a strong sense of story, he is dogged in pursuing stories, he pushes people to be ambitious in getting the facts and he also pushes them in being ambitious in how they present the facts," Baron said in an interview.

Barr and another top editor at The Post, Steven Ginsberg, were both candidates to replace Baron, who retired in February 2021. Ginsberg left The Post last year to take the top job at the Athletic, a digital sports outlet owned by the New York Times.

Both men were also among several managers named as defendants in a discrimination lawsuit filed in 2021 by national reporter Felicia Sonmez. A judge dismissed the lawsuit last year.

Last year, Barr helped oversee a multipart series on the fentanyl crisis that was named a Pulitzer finalist for the prestigious public service gold medal.

Barr's departure from the United States is a homecoming of sorts for him. He grew up overseas and lived in seven countries before graduating college.

"I will take with me a profound appreciation for the commitment of every Post journalist to hold power to account, to excavate the hidden truth, to tell stories in clever and compelling ways," he said. "These goals have been our guide stars, regardless of the comings and goings of individual editors, and I know that this newsroom will continue to serve the public with fearlessness and distinction."

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



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Shooting Stars (Paramount Plus) Mookie Cook, left, stars as basketball legend LeBron James in a film based on a book co-written by James.

The Greatest #AtHome Videos (CBS at 8) Funny and lighthearted summer videos on dads, grads and beyond.

American Masters (PBS at 9) Celebrating the life of Little Richard and his role in rock history; featuring Paul McCartney, Keith Richards, Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Elton John, Bob Dylan, Prince and Bruce Springsteen.

Dateline NBC (NBC at 9) After the body of a 22-year-old college student is found a week after her disappearance, theories about her murder fly through the Arkansas Ozarks.

Gold Rush: Parker's Trail (Discovery at 9) Parker and the crew share new insights on their risky adventure through South America as they search for a $100 million claim to mine.

Run the World (Starz at 9) Renee and Sondi, both dealing with their own stresses, ask for Hope's help to shake Whitney out of her blues and encourage her to move on with her life after Ola.

20/20 (ABC at 9:01) A Facebook message holds a clue to solving two murders.

PREMIERE

Deadloch (Prime Video) In this comedy series, two very different female detectives must work together to solve a murder in the serene seaside town of Deadloch.

MINISERIES

Shiny Happy People: Duggar Family Secrets (Prime Video) This docuseries exposes the truth behind the wholesome facade of the reality-TV mega-family the Duggars.

MOVIE

Newlywed Nightmare (Lifetime Movie Network at 8) After his new wife disappears on their honeymoon, leaving him with a broken heart and a drained bank account, a man hires a private investigator to figure out what happened.

RETURNING

Guy's All-American Road Trip (Food at 9) Season 2.

Manifest (Netflix) Season 4, Part 2.

Queen of the Universe (Paramount Plus) Season 2.

With Love (Prime Video) Season 2.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

6/2/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ Hot Wheels-Challenge		♦ **Dateline NBC**				♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Roseanne	Roseanne	3rd Rock	3rd Rock
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **WWE Friday Night SmackDown** (Live)				♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ Shark Tank		♦ **20/20**				♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **News**	♦ **ET**	♦ **The Greatest #AtHome**		♦ Fire Country		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ La rosa de Guadalupe		♦ **Perdona nuestros**		♦ **El amor invencible**		♦ **Mujer**		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Big Bang	♦ Big Bang	♦ Chicago P.D.	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ **State**	♦ **Artworks**	♦ Midsomer	(:40) ♦ Midsomer Murders			♦ **American Masters**			
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ **Wash**	♦ History	♦ **American Masters**				♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ Reel South	♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ Marvin Gaye - Greatest Hits Live			♦ Rod Stewart:		
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ Penn & Teller: Fool Us		♦ **Whose Line**	♦ **Joke Off**	♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Hawaii Five-0		♦ **Basketball** Las Vegas Aces at Atlanta Dream (Live)				♦ **Basketball** Los Angeles Sparks at Phoenix Mercury			

CABLE CHANNELS

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(6:00) Movie: The Matrix ★★★ (1999)				Fear the Walking Dead		(:10) Fear the Walking Dead		(:15) Fear the Walking Dead	
Animal Planet	Saved By The Barn		Saved By The Barn		Saved By The Barn		Saved By The Barn		Saved By The Barn	
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Movie: Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection ★★ (2012)					
Bravo	(4:30) Movie: Harry Potter ...		Movie: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ★★★ (2007)						Movie: Harry Potter & the...	
Cartoon Network	Unicorn	Unicorn	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**Who's Talking**		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park
Discovery	Gold Rush: White Water		Gold Rush: White Water		**Gold Rush: Parker's Trail**		**Gold Rush: White Water**		(:05) Gold Rush-Res.	
Disney	(6:25) Movie: Zombies 2		Movie: Zombies 3: Lost Song Edition			(:40) New York-Heroez		(:50) Miraculous World		
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Movie: Jurassic Park ★★★ (1993)						Movie: The Lost World: J...	
ESPN	**Women's World Series** Game 5: Teams TBA (Live)				**7Innings**	**2023 Women's College World Series** Teams TBA (Live)				**SportCtr**
ESPN2	**College Baseball** NCAA Tournament: Oklahoma vs. East Carolina (Live)						**College Baseball**			
Food Network	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	**Guy's Road Trip** (SP)		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**	
Freeform	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	**The 700 Club**	
FX	Movie: Venom ★★ (2018)				Movie: Venom ★★ (2018)				Movie: Logan ★★★ (2017)	
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: A Valentine...		Movie: A Very Merry Bridesmaid (2021)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Crossword Mysteries				Movie: The Dancing Detective: A Deadly Tango (P)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:35) Movie: The Batman ★★★ (2022)					(:35) Movie: Reality (2023)			**Painting**	Sarah
HGTV	100 Day Dream Home		100 Day Dream Home		**100 Day Dream Home**		**Hunters**	Hunters	**100 Day Dream Home**	
History	The UnXplained		The UnXplained		**The UnXplained**		(:05) The UnXplained		(:05) The UnXplained	
Lifetime	Castle		Movie: Salt-N-Pepa (2021)						(:05) Movie: Whitney	
MASN	**MLB Baseball** Philadelphia Phillies at Washington Nationals (Live)					**Nats Xtra**	**Baseball** Baltimore Orioles at San Francisco Giants			
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	**Queen of the Universe**		Uncoupled	Uncoupled	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler: Peru		To Catch a Smuggler: Peru		To Catch a Smuggler: Peru		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler	
NBC SportsNet WA	Fairways of Life		Fairways of Life		Poker Night	Fairways of Life		Contenders	Contenders	Contenders
Nickelodeon	Movie: Hotel Transylvania ★★ (2012)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: Titanic ★★★★ (1997)							
Syfy	Movie: Primal (2019) (P)				(:05) Movie: Tombstone ★★★ (1993)					
TBS	Sheldon	Sheldon	Movie: Suicide Squad ★★ (2016)					(:25) Movie: I, Robot ★★ (2004)		
TCM	(6:15) Movie: Out of the ...		Movie: She Done Him Wrong ★★★ (1933)			Movie: The Gang's All Here ★★★ (1943)				Movie
TLC	90 Day: Other		**90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way**				**90 Day**	Match Me Abroad		90 Day
TNT	Movie	Movie: Ocean's Eleven ★★★ (2001)					**All Elite Wrestling**		Movie: Live Free or Die ...	
Travel	The Alaska Triangle		The Alaska Triangle		The Alaska Triangle		The Alaska Triangle		The Alaska Triangle	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters
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TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times
USA Network	(6:00) Movie: The Fast & t...		Movie: 2 Fast 2 Furious ★★ (2003)				(:05) Movie: Fast Five ★★ (2011)			
VH1	(6:30) Movie: Casino ★★★ (1995)							Movie: Goodfellas ★★★★ (1990)		
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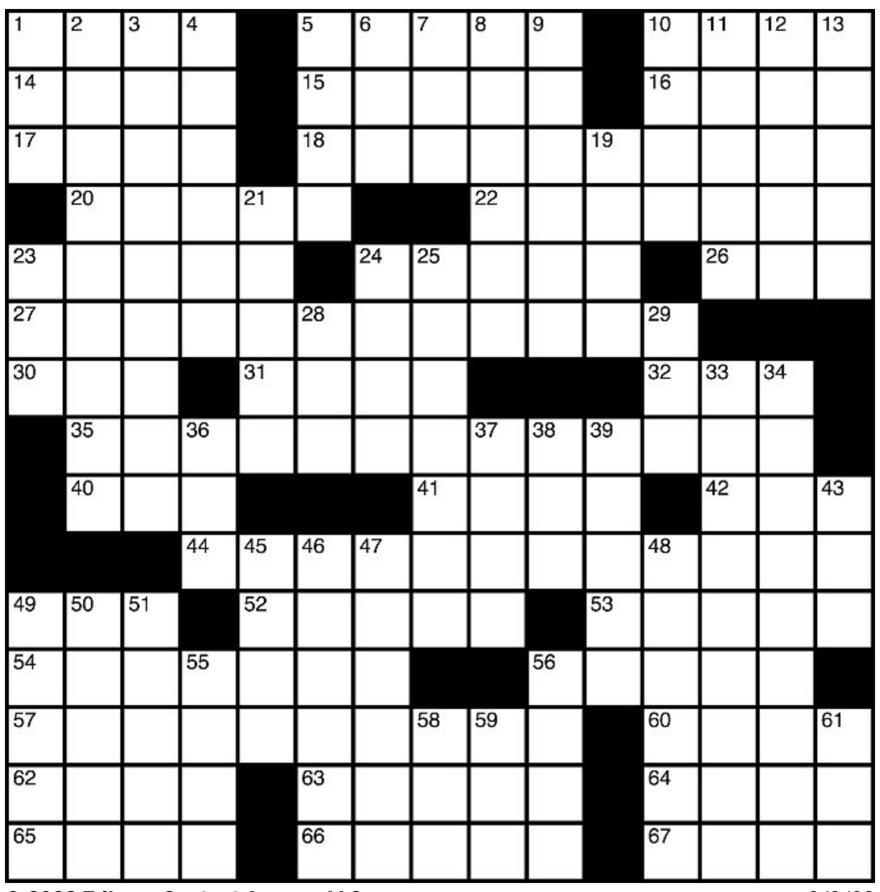
LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition. Movie Ratings (from TMS). ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor. No stars: not rated

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Joe Deeney

ACROSS

1 Shea successor
5 Requirements for some new jobs, briefly
10 Bunch
14 Soba alternative
15 Facetious target of a series of guides
16 Film princess who says, "You came in that thing? You're braver than I thought"
17 Chap, in British slang
18 Middle, approximately?
20 Start of an old boast
22 "That's amazing!"
23 South American barbecue
24 Slushy drinks
26 Cartoonist Chast
27 Sequence, approximately?
30 Middle of a valley?
31 Abbey area
32 Prefix with male or female
35 Straight, approximately?
40 French chum
41 Heart
42 Enthusiasm
44 Right, approximately?
49 Oakland-to-Palo Alto dir.
52 Fantasy author Canavan
53 Goes to press?
54 Place with crude buildings?
56 Hockey Hall of Famer Cam
57 Quarters, approximately?
60 Whipped up
62 Back talk, in slang
63 Land parcels
64 "Inspiration Information" musician Shuggie
65 Salchow kin
66 Hues
67 Set components



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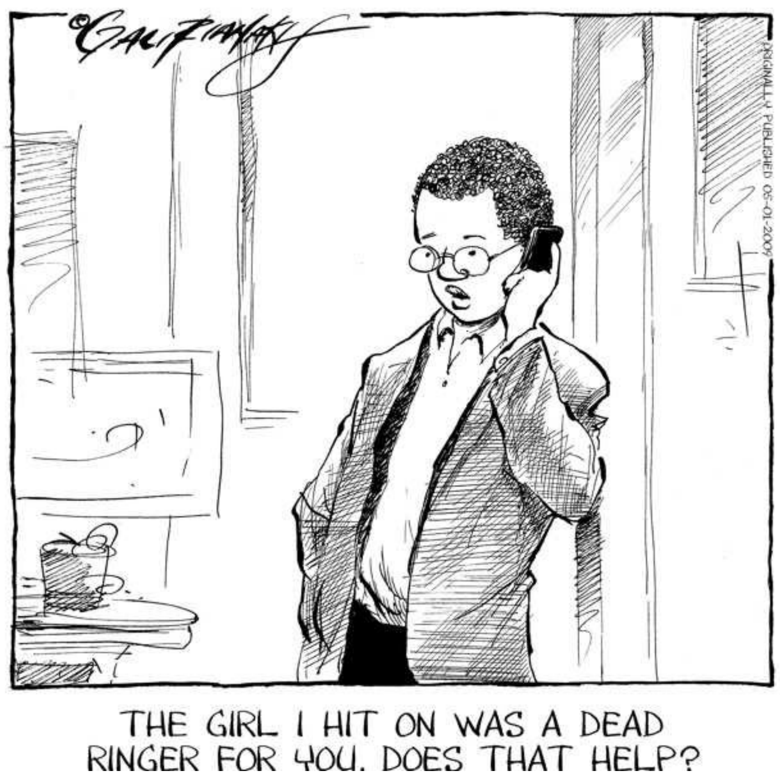
DOWN

1 Little lion
2 Voice of Chief Bogo in "Zootopia"
3 Colorful cereal mascot
4 Enter aggressively
5 Teeming (with)
6 End of an academic address
7 Truss who was very briefly U.K. prime minister in 2022
8 Like molasses, vis-à-vis water
9 Straightened, say
10 Pole, e.g.
11 Fixture in some voting booths
12 Singalong quintet
13 Ballroom dance
19 Snout
21 Upstanding
23 Spend time in a cellar, perhaps
24 "Casablanca" role
25 Put the squeeze on
28 Google Play purchase
29 LG rival
33 Sacrosanct
34 Barely get wet?
36 One of the "Rugrats" twins
37 U.N. head between Boutros and Ban
38 Planner abbr.
39 Adjust an ascot
43 Booker T.'s band
45 Letters before a fresh take
46 Flip response to an ultimatum
47 Official fuel of NASCAR
48 Quake aftershock
49 "Yes and no"
50 Dakota Natives
51 Get away from
55 Neutrogena shampoo
56 Storied loch
58 Inspiration for Keats
59 Date
61 Double curve

THURSDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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Long-distance partner has been flirting



Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared May 1, 2009.

Dear Carolyn: I am in a long-distance relationship with a wonderful young man. We lived in the same city for more than a year before I started graduate school in another state.

During a recent visit, he informed me that he had gone to a club with friends and met a young woman and asked for her number. He told me he got rid of the number the next day. He has apologized and describes it as a mistake.

Although I understand "nothing happened," I still feel his ability to put himself in this situation is a warning sign. Do you think I am overreacting, or are my feelings valid?

— Anonymous

Anonymous: If you're taking this as a warning that you can no longer trust your boyfriend, then that, to me, smacks of punishing a guy for his honesty.

If instead you take it as a warning that the distance is starting to wear him down, then I think that would reward his candor — and, more important, steer you to a more productive line of thinking.

Maintaining intimacy long-distance does wear people down, even those who have every reason to expect their relationship to withstand the pressure — people, say, who have made life commitments to each other, who have built a world together in the form of a home or children or community ties, and who have been separated temporarily out of necessity. Military deployment, for example.

You spent about a year dating, and, judging from the standard academic calendar, you're finishing your third quarter in absentia. You left of your own volition. Your return — also just a guess — probably hinges on the kind of opportunities available to someone with your degree.

Although there's nothing inherently wrong with any of these choices, they become a problem collectively if you weigh them down with unrealistic expectations. You've asked this "wonderful young man" to give up happy companionship in exchange for e-hugs, pining and guilt. No doubt he agreed to it willingly; no doubt, too, his feelings for you were immediate, and your absence was merely abstract.

Given the relatively short time you spent together, the reverse is probably true now: Your absence is immediate, and his feelings for you are abstract.

I'm spelling this out not to drive home the idea that you're losing him, but instead to point out that his drifting attention is perfectly normal. It's his admitting it that stands out and gives you an unusual opportunity to talk to him openly. Please use it. Find out what he's feeling, and what each of you is prepared to do about it. There may be only two outcomes — stay together, break up — but there are many different ways to get there. It might be time to explore a new one.

Dear Carolyn: My daughter was recently invited to a birthday party but was told not to bring a present. Do I have her bring one or not?

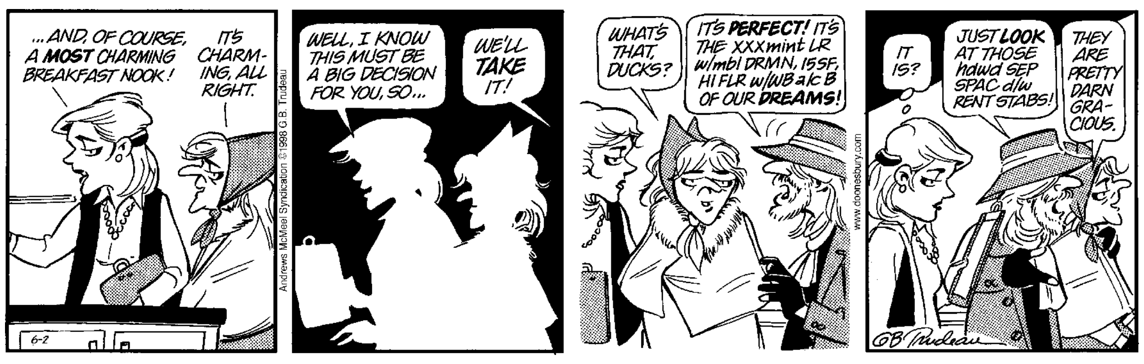
— J.

J.: I know it's tempting to send her in with a gift — no one wants to be the one kid who walks in empty-handed — but please, respect the host's request. It's not the host who makes the empty-handed kids feel bad; it's the guests who ignore the directive. Your daughter can bring a card, if you're concerned about saving face.

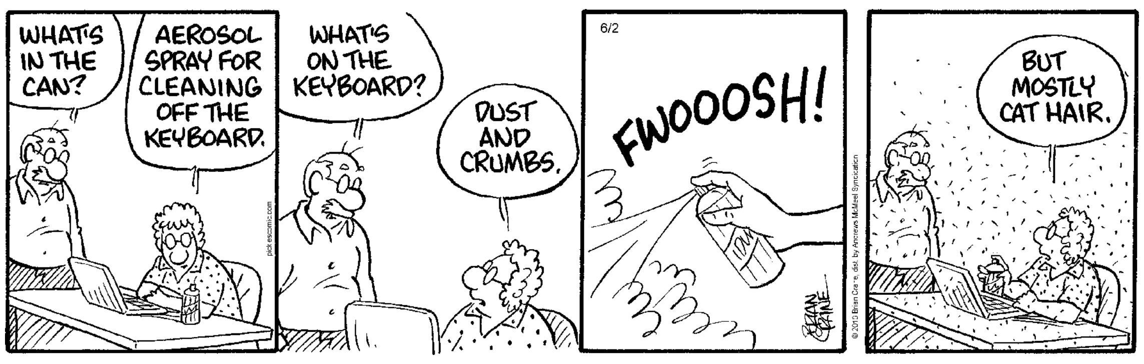
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CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ A 10 8
♥ A 8 7
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 9 3 2

WEST
♠ 7 5 4 3 2
♥ 5 2
♦ J 8 7 6 4
♣ 4

EAST
♠ J 9
♥ K
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A J 10 8 7 6 5

SOUTH (D)
♠ K Q 6
♥ Q J 10 9 6 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ K

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ 4

"Grapefruit must be dog-tired every night," a club player said to me. "After all, he spends the day growling."

Grapefruit has a foul disposition and berates his partners mercilessly. He was West in a penny game, and North-South bid a slam that surely would have succeeded with any lead but a club.

Grapefruit led his singleton club, and East took the ace ... and returned a club. South ruffed with a high trump, and when Grapefruit didn't overruff with the king, South knew East had it. So South led a trump to dummy's ace. The king fell, South claimed, and Grapefruit told East that if his brains were money, he couldn't buy a pack of gum.

"You have the right to remain silent even if you aren't arrested," East glared.

"Your development at bridge is arrested," Grapefruit growled.

East's play at Trick Two would have been right if West's trumps had been J-x. As it was, East gave the show away. He needed to return a diamond, and then South would finesse in trumps.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 10 8 ♥ A 8 7
♦ K 10 5 ♣ Q 9 3 2

The dealer, at your right, opens one spade. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is a matter of personal style and temperament. You would have opened the bidding but are not compelled to act when your opponent opens. The hand has defensive values but might make a poor dummy if you doubled and obliged partner to bid. I would pass. Still, some good players would double.

— Frank Stewart

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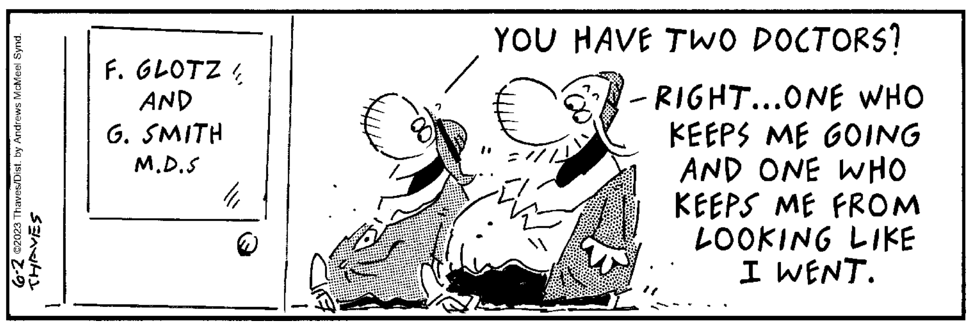
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BRIAN BASSET



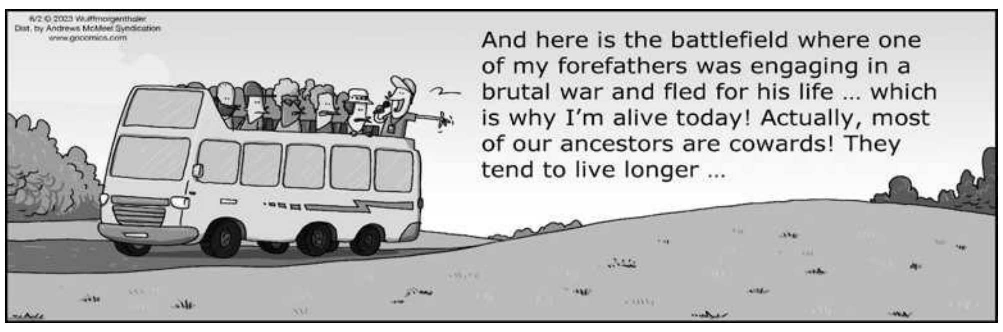
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TONY COCHRAN



FRANK AND ERNEST
TOM THAVES



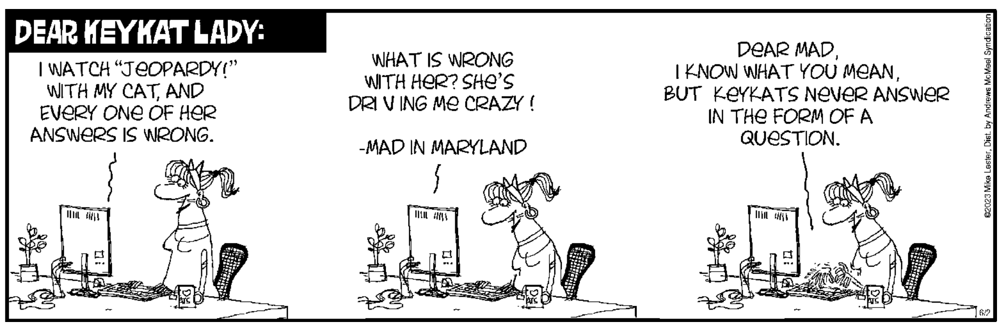
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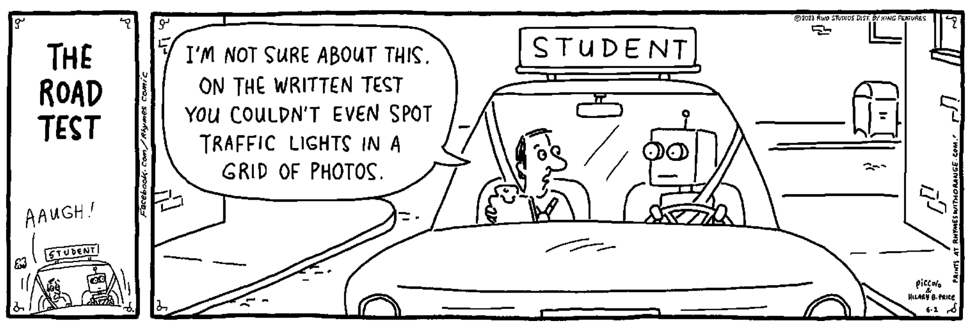
CLASSIC PEANUTS
CHARLES SCHULZ



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MIKE LESTER



RHYMES WITH ORANGE
HILARY PRICE



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MARK TATULLI



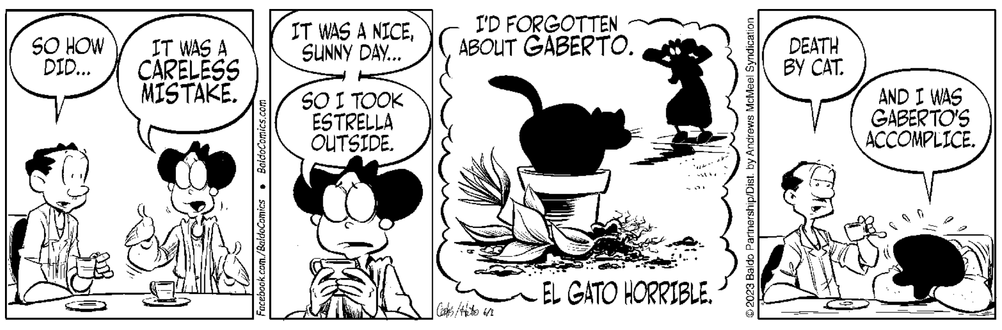
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM
MIKE PETERS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
CHRIS BROWNE



BALDO
HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS



BLONDIE
DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH
FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

		4			1		5	
	5		6	3		4		
1								2
2				6	9			
5		3		8		1		9
			1	2				4
3								1
		5		4	2		3	
	2		8			7		

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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RACK 1: A_1 A_1 E_1 I_1 V_4 W_4 R_1 — 3rd Letter Double

RACK 2: A_1 U_1 Y_4 H_4 G_2 T_1 N_1

RACK 3: E_1 I_1 I_1 R_1 T_1 M_3 P_3

RACK 4: E_1 O_1 Y_4 Y_4 S_1 D_2 S_1 — Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 230

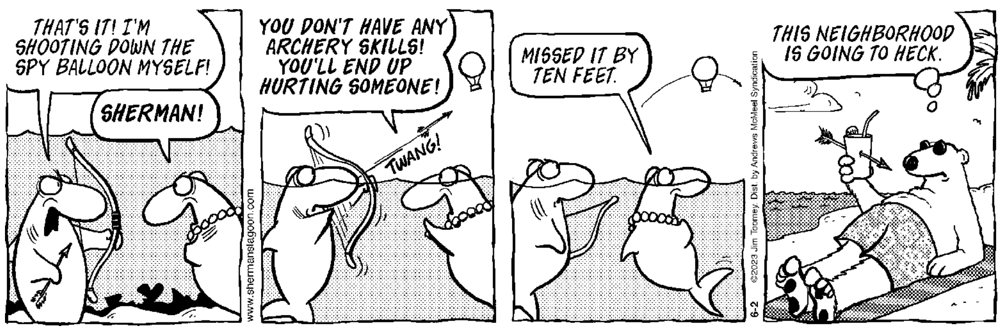
FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

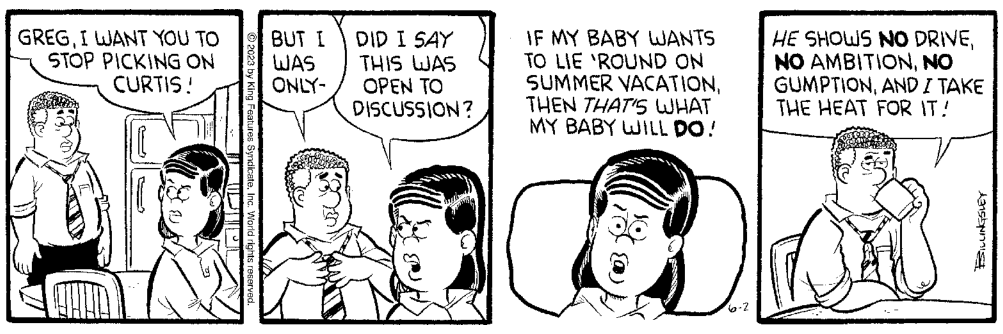
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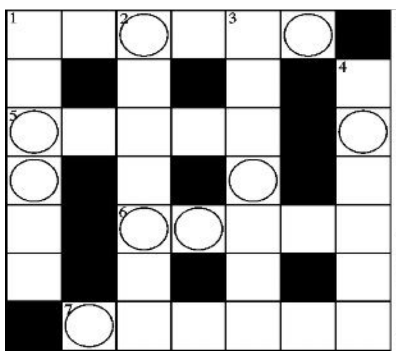
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
JIM TOOMEY



CURTIS
RAY BILLINGSLEY



JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



6-2-23

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ zone	BFURFE
5. Registered ____	SREUN
6. Following, later	ETFRA
7. Band of tissue	NENTOD

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Financier	RABNEK
2. Blast ____	UCRAFEN
3. Reversed	RTVEEDE
4. Be faster than	NTUORU

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

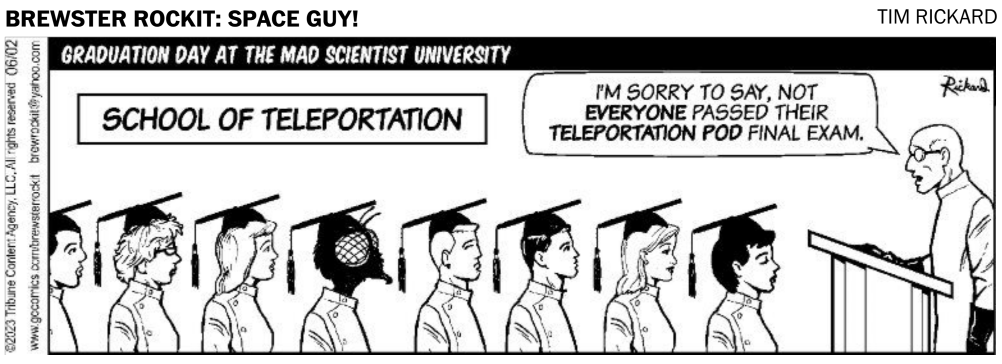
CLUE: This German city was one of the major cities of the Holy Roman Empire.

ANSWERS: 1A-Buffer 5A-Nurse 6A-After 7A-Tendon 1D-Banker 2D-Furnace 3D-Everted 4D-Outrun B-Frankfurt

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TIM RICKARD



MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL



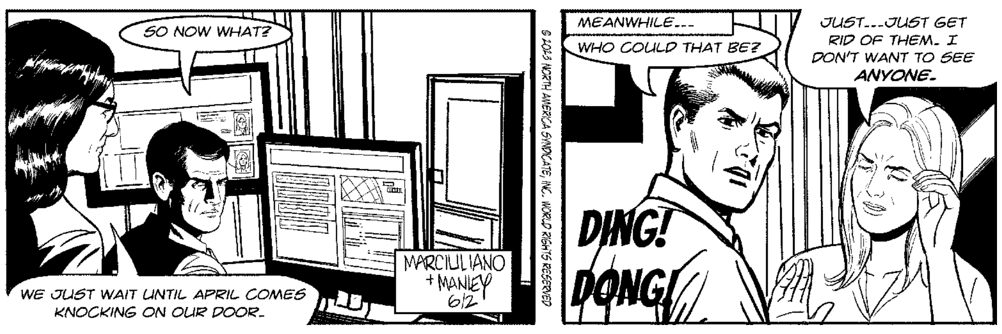
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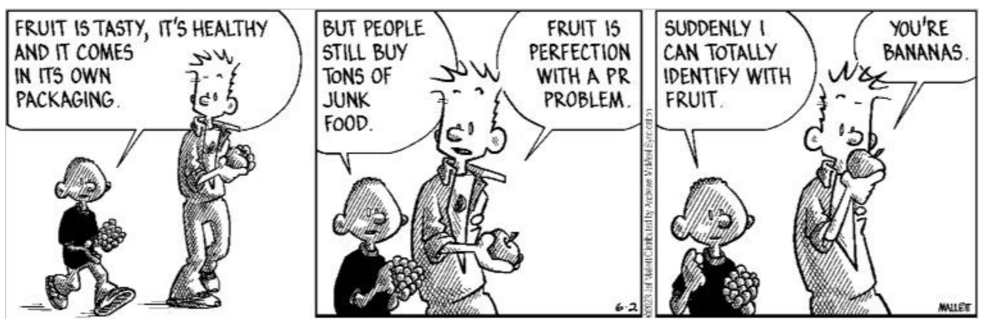
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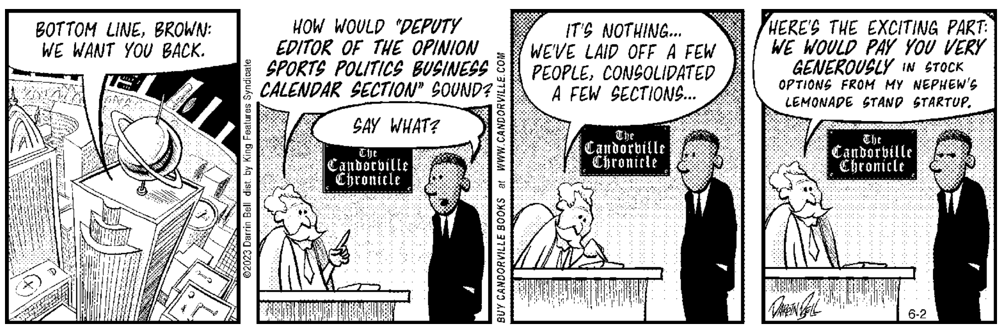
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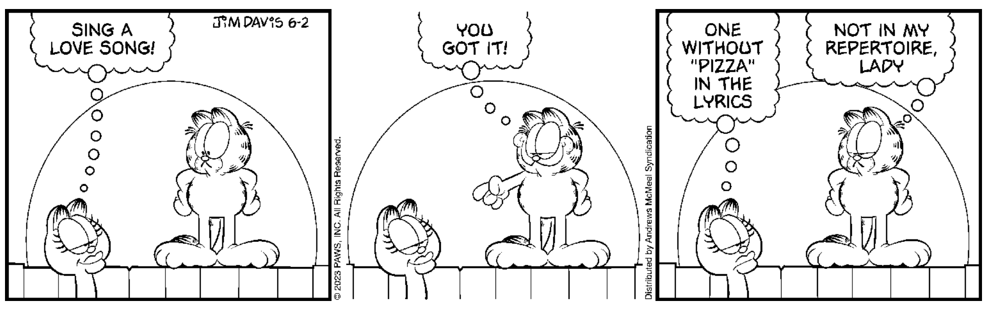
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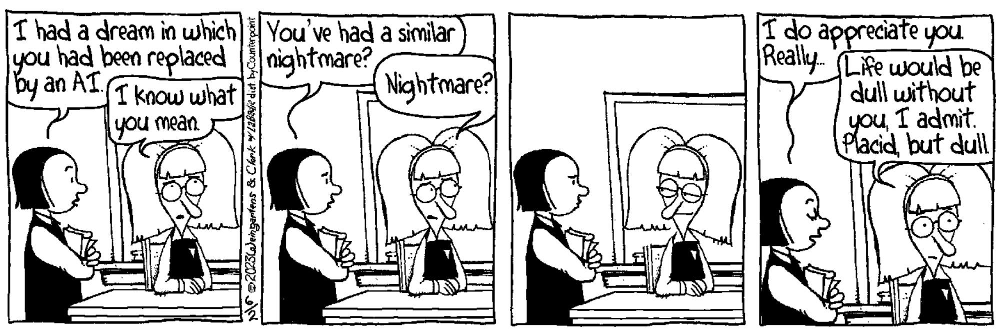
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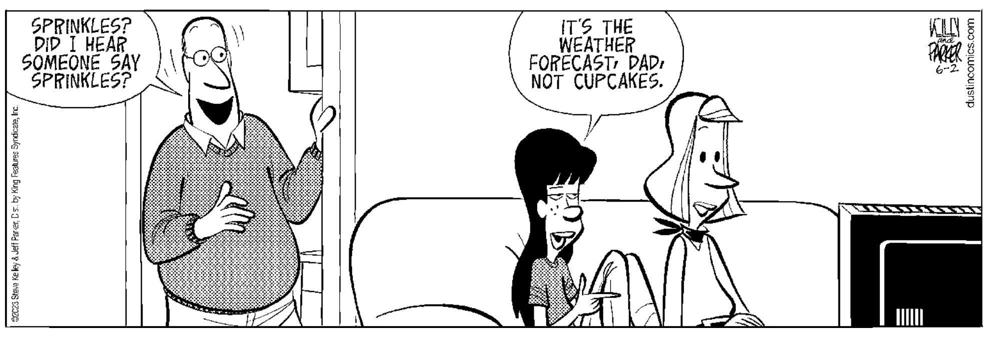
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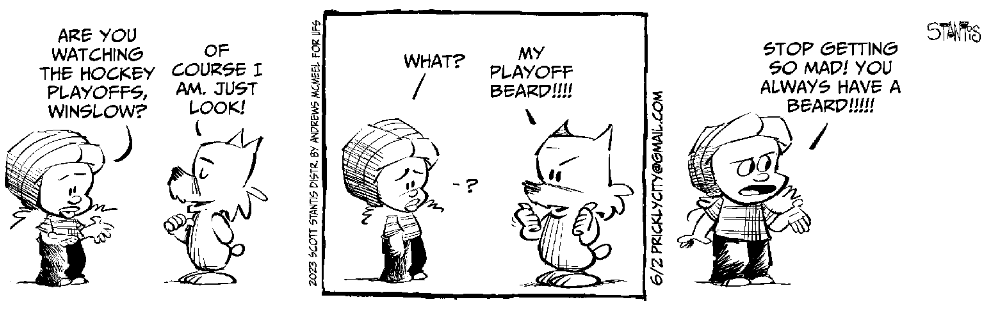
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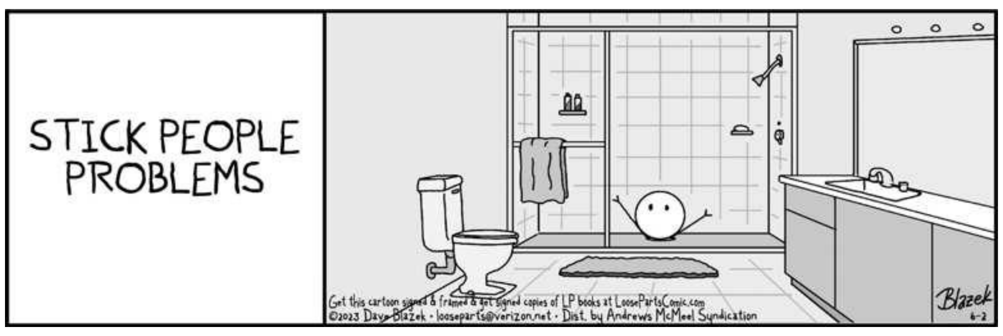
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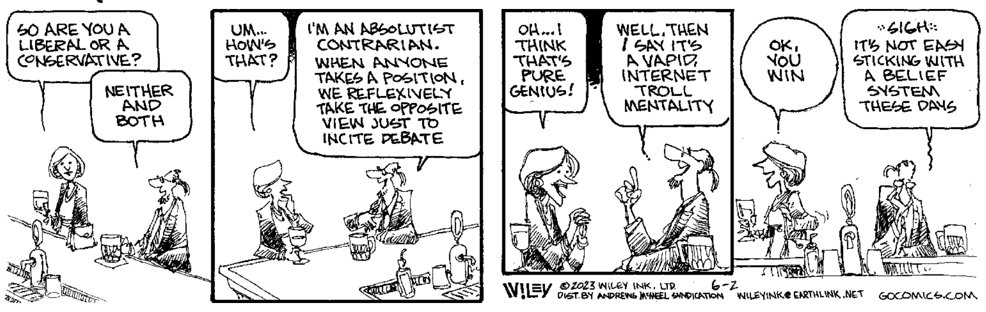
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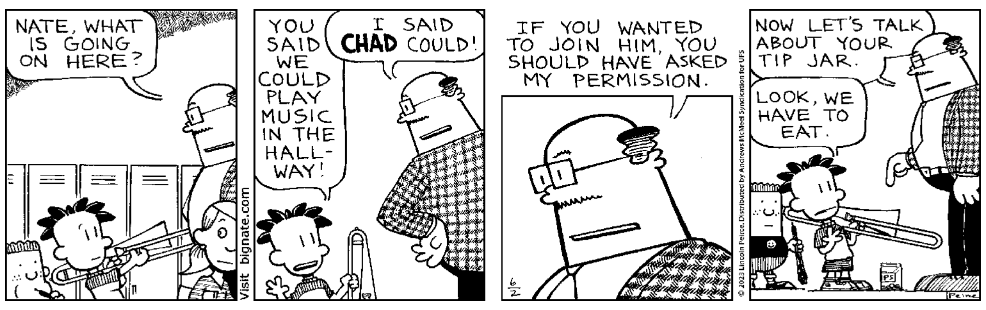
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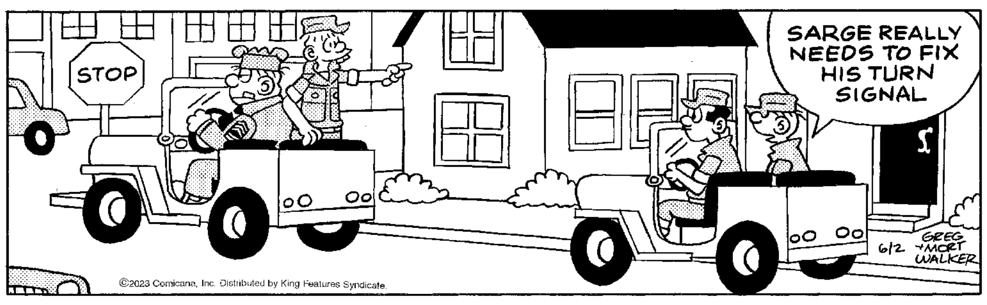


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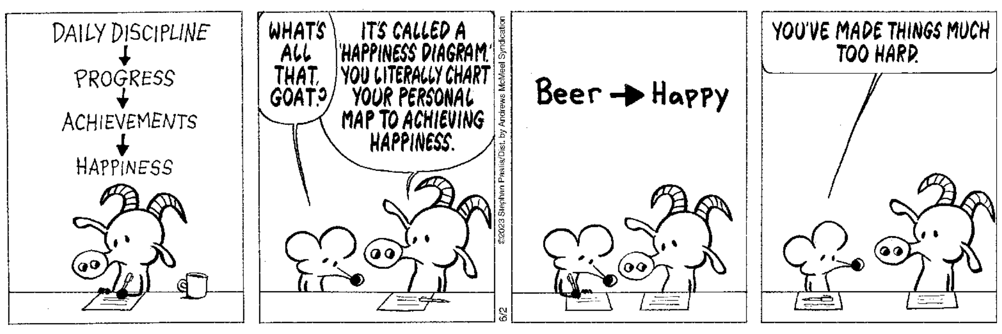


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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS



HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JUNE 2

You are eloquent and understanding, which makes you an excellent mediator. You are thoughtful and kind – a good friend. This is a year of service for you, which means it will be personally rewarding. Take care of yourself so that you can help family and loved ones.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 8:30 p.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is a lovely day to entertain at home. Because there are strong romantic vibes in the air, it's an excellent day to entertain romantic interests at home. Is it time for that special dinner?

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
You are a tactile, sensuous sign, which is one reason you'll welcome the delicious, romantic vibes that are in the air today. However, this same influence will also enhance your ability to write, edit and speak with eloquence.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
You can attract money to you today, which is why you're tempted to spend money on beautiful things for yourself and for loved ones. Someone in authority might gift you something. Meanwhile, a work-related romance will begin for many.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
This is a lovely day for you because fair Venus is in your sign dancing with Neptune, which promotes creative activity, compassion and feelings of tenderness for others.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
You are enjoying engaging with friends and groups at this time. Today, however, you feel private. You're happy to be at home. Personally, you might have a crush on someone. You might even entertain a romantic interest at home.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Today warm bonds will deepen with others – be they friends, members of groups or a romantic interest. For some, a friend could become a lover, or a platonic relationship might suggest something cozier.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
More than any other sign, partnerships and close friendships are important to you because you like to have someone else sitting on the other end of your teeter-totter. You enjoy the company of others.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Romance with someone who is different or from another culture might begin for some of you today. Or if this flirtation has been smoldering behind the scenes, things might deepen in a more obvious way.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Partnerships and close friendships are your strong focus now because the Sun is opposite your sign. However, today you want to hide and seek privacy. You might enjoy solitude.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
This is a wonderful day for romance, flirtations and unusual connections that stir your heart. This might occur with a friend, a partner or your spouse. Something will make you appreciate someone else in a special way, which is really a good thing for you both.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Romance is in the air today! For your sign, this seems to be obvious for some reason. Perhaps you will announce a new relationship to your friends or the world. Or perhaps a secret relationship is suddenly made public.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Toujours l'amour! Romance definitely blossoms today, which means some of you might strike up a flirtation with someone. Or you might encounter new love. Or an existing love might be ignited in a fresh way! You will also feel tender sympathy toward children.

— Georgia Nicols

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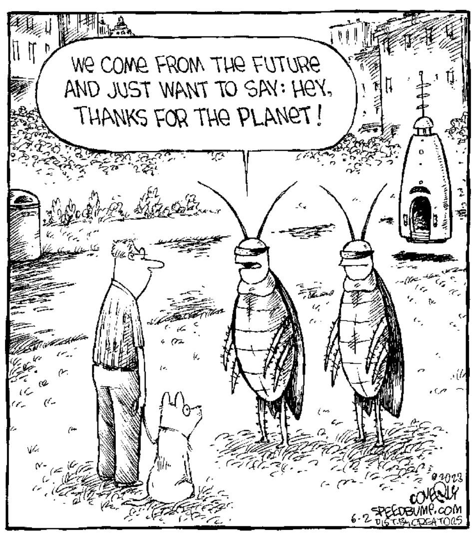
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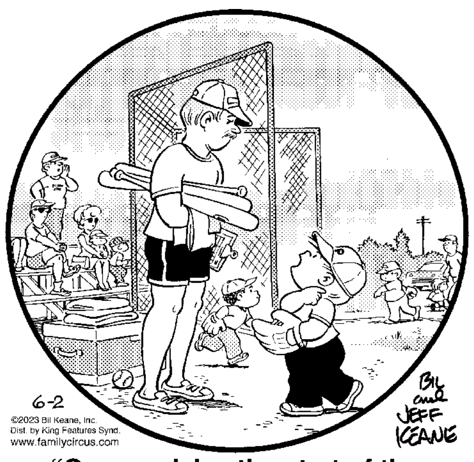
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"MAYBE YOU SHOULD GIVE YOUR SIREN A TICKET FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE."

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"Can we delay the start of the game, Coach? My dad's recharging his phone."

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Nuggets finally hit the big time after decades of falling short



Jerry Brewer

DENVER — On the eve of history, a modest crowd gathered at Bannock Street Plaza on Wednesday afternoon to commemorate the Denver Nuggets' first NBA Finals appearance. The mayor did what mayors do, bottling the enthusiasm and making a gesture. Michael Hancock declared that, finally, the city belonged to this NBA franchise that had never been good enough.

During his 12 years as mayor, Hancock has created a tradition of renaming the street here when a team played for the championship. He did it for the Broncos and the Avalanche, which won the Stanley Cup last season. But there was something about the navy blue and gold Denver Nuggets Way sign that felt more meaningful than a customary act. The Nuggets haven't had many nice things.

Their good has stood as a feeble enemy of greatness throughout their 47-year NBA life. Before this run, the Nuggets

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Nikola Jokic, right, finished with a game-high 27 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists, his ninth triple-double of these playoffs.

Rested and more than ready, Denver rolls to Game 1 win

NUGGETS 104, HEAT 93

BY BEN GOLLIVER

DENVER — The leading juggernaut of these NBA playoffs needed only a few minutes Thursday to prove that rust wouldn't be slowing its roll.

After enjoying a nine-day break before the Finals, the Denver Nuggets looked focused, imposing and, above all, well oiled in their series opener against the Miami Heat, making the most of their first visit to the championship stage. The points came early, often and effortlessly for the Nuggets during their 104-93 Game 1 victory over the Heat at Ball Arena.

To set the tone, Denver's egalitarian offense, built around Nikola Jokic's playmaking and Jamal Murray's shot-making, opened by attacking the heart of Miami's undersized defense. While Jokic towers over Bam Adebayo inside,

SEE NBA FINALS ON D2

Game 2: Heat at Nuggets
Sunday, 8 p.m., ABC

A Wizards hire: Team adds former Hawks exec to its front office. **D3**



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Capitals Coach Spencer Carbery, who spent the past two seasons as a Maple Leafs assistant, previously coached Washington's affiliates in the ECHL and AHL.

A 'surreal' reunion

New coach represents the future of team, with and without Ovechkin



Barry Svrluga

The Washington Capitals now have a gray-bearded captain who will turn 38 before next season begins, presumably — biology would dictate — winding down. They have a waxed-headed coach who will be 41 when he runs his first NHL game, decidedly ascendant as the league's youngest head man at the moment. Spencer Carbery will be the eighth head coach for whom Alex Ovechkin will play. He very well could — and should — be the last.

That's not to push Ovechkin out the door, because there's still the matter of scoring the 73 goals he needs to pass Wayne Gretzky for the most ever, an impending reality that is permanently difficult to comprehend. "It's a huge responsibility," Carbery said of overseeing Ovechkin's pursuit of Gretzky, and he's not wrong.

But if General Manager Brian MacLellan's bet on Carbery as the

SEE SVRLUGA ON D3

Following two stints in farm system, Carbery relishes chance to lead Caps

BY ROMAN STUBBS

A black van door slid open in front of Capital One Arena on Thursday morning, and before Spencer Carbery waved to a crowd that had gathered to welcome him as the new coach of the Washington Capitals, the 41-year-old helped his young family pile out of the vehicle. Carbery took the hand of his 9-year-old daughter, Vivian, and entered the building flanked by his wife, Casey, and 11-year-old son, Hudson, eventually stopping to check out photos of old Capitals teams before arriving at a news conference that would officially introduce him as the youngest coach in the NHL.

Carbery, dressed in a crisp navy suit, took his seat and smiled at his family in the front row. Soon, he faced questions about how he might lead one of the league's oldest teams as a first-time bench boss — but before he responded, he nodded toward his wife and kids.

"I've taken them on quite the

SEE CAPITALS ON D3

Gauff waits and waits and waits, then wins

American takes court after marathon match that lasts five-plus hours

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

PARIS — As if tennis did not ask enough of those who attempt to play it for a living, it also makes a request both routine and eccentric. It asks them to play matches without giving them a starting time. It prints schedules that say, blithely, *You will start on this particular court whenever these people before you manage to finish their match on this particular court.* What a nut, tennis.

If there's an art to managing this, Coco Gauff mastered it Thursday. She readied and waited and readied and waited for her second-round match through one of the damnedest tennis sagas anybody ever saw, the longest match of this French Open (5 hours 26 minutes), a men's singles match that lasted more than two hours *beyond* a match point that ended on a wacko net cord.

"Yes, it is [odd]," Gauff said.

Luckily Gauff, familiar to the tennis-viewing eye since age 15, counts among the wily veterans now even though she still hasn't bothered to turn 20 yet. (It finally happens next March.) She filled her eventual and undramatic 6-2, 6-3 win over Julia Grabher of Austria with ample know-how to get it done in 68 minutes, and she hurried on to the third round where she will play somebody who is actually 16.

How time moves, except for sometimes when you're waiting for those people before you to finish.

"Yeah, I was warming up," Gauff said.

And: "But, yeah, I was probably about 70 percent done with my warmup."

And so: "That net cord match point was crazy."

And then: "Yeah, it was a long wait."

The following represents a fraction of all that happened in the rambling, raucous match on Court Suzanne Lenglen between Jannik Sinner, the onrushing 21-year-old Italian ranked ninth in the world, and Daniel Altmaier, the plucky German ranked 79th.

They played a 58-minute first set to a tiebreaker. They played a 73-minute second set to a tiebreaker. They split those. They played a third set through which

SEE FRENCH OPEN ON D6

French Open, third round
Today, 5 a.m., Tennis Channel

As NCAA baseball tournament begins, Terps look to make history

BY GENE WANG

Three months ago, the Maryland baseball team traveled to Minneapolis for a weekend tournament featuring a couple of opponents at the time ranked in the top 10. With an opportunity to collect résumé-fortifying victories, the Terrapins instead got swept and dipped three games below .500.

It marked the nadir in the early going for a program that began the season ranked 13th with aspirations of perhaps a first-ever berth in the College World Series. So senior third baseman Nick Lorusso, typically understated in his demeanor, took it upon himself to deliver a reassuring message to Coach Rob Vaughn.

"I remember Nick Lorusso coming to us at one point, and Nicky is not a guy that says a whole lot," Vaughn said Tuesday during batting practice in College Park. "And he came to me after one game and said, 'Coach, I've got this.' I said, 'All right.' Those guys, the maturity of the older players . . . the experience and the mentality of those guys are what turned this thing."

Maryland (41-19) proceeded to win six consecutive games and 13 of 15 on the way to winning every Big Ten series, culminating in the first conference tournament title in program history with a 4-0 victory over Iowa on Sunday in Omaha.

The flourish down the stretch helped the Terrapins secure a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament. They will face third-seeded Northeastern (44-14) on Friday in the Winston-Salem (N.C.) regional, which also includes No. 1 overall seed Wake Forest and fourth-seeded George Mason.

Maryland is making a third consecutive appearance in the double-elimination regional bracket and seeking to reach its first super regional since 2015. The winner of the Winston-Salem regional draws the winner of the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) regional in a best-of-three series for a spot in the College World Series.

SEE MARYLAND ON D5

Northeastern vs. Maryland
Today, 1 p.m., ESPN Plus

SOCCER
The U.S. men reveal a European-heavy roster for start of Nations League. **D3**

BASEBALL
Jeimer Candelario is vibing with the Nats — and could be a trade chip. **D4**

PRO BASKETBALL
The Mystics, off to an inconsistent start, still have elite aspirations. **D5**

DIGEST

SOCCER

Messi's coach says star will be leaving PSG

Paris Saint-Germain Coach **Christophe Galtier** confirmed Thursday that soccer legend **Lionel Messi** will leave the French club when his contract expires at the end of the season.

"I had the privilege of coaching the best player in the history of football. This will be his last match at the Parc des Princes," Galtier said at a news conference ahead of PSG's French Ligue 1 finale Saturday against Clermont Foot. "He's always been there for the team. It's been a great privilege to accompany him throughout the season."

Messi's departure was expected. In two seasons with PSG, he has 22 goals and helped lead the team to two Ligue 1 titles, though this season he was handed a two-week suspension that was ultimately shortened to one after he traveled to Saudi Arabia without team permission. Reports have linked the Argentine star to Saudi club Al Hilal, rival of Al Nassr, which in December signed Portuguese star **Cristiano Ronaldo** to a contract reportedly worth $75 million annually through the 2024-25 season.

Messi, 35, led Argentina to a World Cup title in December and is a seven-time winner of the Ballon d'Or, awarded to Europe's best club player. All stemmed from his 17-year tenure with Spanish titan Barcelona, which he helped lead to 34 trophies, including 10 La Liga titles and four UEFA Champions League victories.

But Champions League success was elusive for PSG in Messi's two seasons. In both of his seasons, PSG crashed out of the European club competition in the round of 16.

Also Thursday, Real Madrid striker **Karim Benzema**, last year's Ballon d'Or recipient, confirmed an ESPN report that he is leaving Spanish club Real Madrid when his contract expires after this month. In 14 seasons with Real Madrid, the 35-year-old French star has helped the team to five Champions League titles.

— Matt Bonesteel

Former Slovakia captain **Marek Hamsik** is retiring from soccer at the end of the season.

The 35-year-old playmaker made a record 136 international appearances for his country and scored a record 26 goals. He scored 121 goals for Napoli, more than **Diego Maradona**, and played a record 520 games for the Serie A club. . . .

Dutch club Ajax is not extending the contract of coach **John Heitinga** at the end of the season. . . .

Phil Neville was fired halfway through his third season as coach of **David Beckham**'s Inter Miami with the team last in MLS's Eastern Conference.

Miami promoted assistant coach **Javier Morales**, to interim coach. . . .

Anderson Duarte's strike from the edge of the penalty secured Uruguay's 1-0 win over Gambia in Santiago del Estero, Argentina, and set up a quarterfinal match against the United States at the Under-20 World Cup.

The winner of Sunday's match will play Brazil or Israel in the semifinals.

PRO FOOTBALL

Pro Bowl Seattle Seahawks cornerback **Tariq Woolen** is expected to return to the practice field in four to six weeks after undergoing a procedure on his right knee. He tied for the NFL lead with six interceptions as a rookie last year. . . .

The Buffalo Bills signed veteran offensive lineman **Brandon Shell**, 31, to a one-year contract.

Shell, whose great-uncle is Hall of Fame offensive lineman and former NFL coach **Art Shell**, has seven years of NFL experience. He started 11 games for the Miami Dolphins last season.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

In Oklahoma City, sophomore **Jordy Bahl** threw a five-hitter with 11 strikeouts to help two-time defending national champion Oklahoma defeat Stanford, 2-0, in its Women's College World Series opener.

Bahl outlasted Stanford freshman **NiJaree Canady**, the nation's leader in ERA. Canady gave up just four hits and one earned run in five innings while regularly throwing 75 mph against an Oklahoma team that leads the nation in scoring and batting average.

Jayda Coleman's RBI single in the fifth provided all the offense needed for Oklahoma (57-1), which has won a Division I-record 49 games in a row and advanced to play No. 4 seed Tennessee on Saturday.

Rylie West hit a three-run homer to power the Volunteers (50-8) to a 10-5 victory over Alabama in the opening game.

No. 9 seed Stanford (45-14) will play No. 5 seed Alabama (45-21) in an elimination game Friday.

PRO BASKETBALL

Natisha Hiedeman scored 19 points, **Alyssa Thomas** had 16 points, nine rebounds and a franchise-high 16 assists, and the Connecticut Sun (5-1) posted an 89-84 WNBA victory over the Minnesota Lynx in Minneapolis.

Napheesa Collier scored a career-high 30 points for Minnesota (0-6).

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Churchill Downs will limit horses to four starts during a rolling eight-week period and impose ineligibility standards for continued poor performance in the wake of the recent deaths of 12 horses at the Louisville home of the Kentucky Derby. Other safety initiatives announced include pausing incentives, such as trainer start bonuses and purse payouts to every race finisher, with payouts limited to the top five finishers. . . .

New York Rangers forward **Patrick Kane**, 34, underwent hip resurfacing surgery and is expected to miss four to six months.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

7 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Washington** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
10 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers** » MLB Network
10:15 p.m.	**Baltimore at San Francisco** » MASN2, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)

WNBA

7 p.m.	**Dallas at Washington** » Ion

AUTO RACING

7:30 a.m.	**Formula One: Spanish Grand Prix, practice** » ESPN2
6 p.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Toyota 200, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
7:30 p.m.	**NHRA New England Nationals, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: European Open, second round** » Golf Channel
11 a.m.	**LPGA Tour: Americas Open, second round** » Golf Channel
2 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Memorial Tournament, second round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

2:45 p.m.	**French Ligue 2: Dijon at Le Havre** » beIn Sports
6 p.m.	**Concacaf Women's Under-20 Championship, semifinal: United States vs. Costa Rica** » Fox Sports 2
10 p.m.	**Canadian Premier League: Pacific at Vancouver FC** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: French Open, third round** » Tennis Channel

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

5:30 a.m.	**AFL: Melbourne at Carlton** » Fox Sports 2

HOCKEY

10 p.m.	**Canadian Hockey League, semifinals: Seattle vs. TBD** » NHL Network

RUGBY

1 a.m. (Saturday)	**New Zealand Rugby League: Warriors vs. Dolphins** » Fox Sports 2

NCAA BASEBALL REGIONALS

Noon	**Texas Tech vs. Connecticut** » ESPNU
Noon	**Ball State at Kentucky** » SEC Network
Noon	**Army at Virginia** » ESPN Plus
1 p.m.	**Northeastern vs. Maryland** » ESPN Plus
1 p.m.	**North Carolina State vs. Campbell** » ACC Network
3 p.m.	**Tulane at LSU** » ESPNU
6 p.m.	**Charlotte vs. Tennessee** » ESPNU
7 p.m.	**North Carolina vs. Iowa** » ACC Network
7 p.m.	**Oklahoma vs. East Carolina** » ESPN2
8 p.m.	**Eastern Illinois at Vanderbilt** » SEC Network
9 p.m.	**Arizona vs. TCU** » ESPNU
10 p.m.	**Cal State Fullerton vs. Texas A&M** » ESPN2

COLLEGE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

7 p.m.	**Alabama vs. Stanford** » ESPN
9:30 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ESPN



MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Jamal Murray deposits two of his 26 points as the Nuggets win their NBA Finals debut over the Heat. The teams meet Sunday in Game 2.

Jokic has triple-double as Denver cruises in opener

NBA FINALS FROM D1

Nuggets forward Aaron Gordon and Michael Porter Jr. also enjoy significant size advantages over their Heat counterparts.

Denver, the Western Conference's top seed, got on track by keeping it simple, repeatedly turning to Gordon in the paint. The 27-year-old forward, best known for his defensive versatility and dunk contest theatrics, pounded his way to the rim for eight points in the first six minutes and 14 of his 16 points by halftime. With Miami turning to a starting lineup that features five players under 6-foot-9 and Jokic pulling Adebayo away from the paint, Gordon finished inside with ease.

"I'm not here for the credit," Gordon said. "I'm here for the wins. I don't care if I score 50 or zero as long as I help impact the game and we're winning."

Nuggets Coach Michael Malone reminded his team before the game that the Heat had won Game 1 on the road in each of its three previous playoff series.

"We did not want them coming in here to take control of this series on our home court," Malone said. "Aaron really set the tone on both ends of the floor for us. He's done that all year long. He does a lot of dirty work for us, and he doesn't get the credit he deserves. They were switching early on, and he did a good job sitting down, posting up and finishing at the rim."

Once Denver softened up Miami inside, Murray took over from beyond the arc. The standout guard, who entered the series shooting nearly 40 percent on three-pointers, busted the Heat's 2-3 zone defense by connecting from outside early in the second quarter. With Murray and Gordon grooving, Jokic was content early on to play facilitator. The two-time MVP took just three shots in the first half but racked up 10 assists, keeping Miami guessing with a no-look pass to the perimeter and savvy plays in transition.

"When the game started, I felt really comfortable," Jokic said after his Finals debut. "I never force it. A couple guys got it going [early]. I just take whatever the game gives me. The guys were focused, how it's supposed to be."

By halftime, Denver's lead had reached 17 points and Miami looked a step slow after having a short turnaround following its Game 7 victory over the Boston Celtics on Monday. Heat Coach Erik Spoelstra had promised that his team would be ready to play at Denver's mile-high altitude, but Miami shot just 13 for 39 on three-pointers, attempted only two free throws and gave up 46 points in the paint, three sure signs of fatigue.

The Nuggets, who have won Game 1 in each of their four playoff series, improved to 9-0 at home in the playoffs. This series opener was played on Denver's fast and loose terms throughout, and Miami simply couldn't muster enough firepower to keep pace, falling behind by 24 in the second half.

"Whoever's open, whoever has the mismatch, that's how we play," Murray said. "We're just reading the game. If they take me away, we're looking somewhere else. It's hard to guard everybody instead of just one or two guys."

Adebayo was the Heat's major bright spot on offense as he reasserted himself after struggling to score late in the Eastern Conference finals. With Denver conceding midrange jumpers, Adebayo happily made them pay, finishing with a team-high 26 points, 13 rebounds and five assists.

Yet Adebayo's soft-touch jumpers weren't enough to keep Miami afloat. Caleb Martin and Max Strus, two key sources of perimeter offense, combined to miss their first 15 shots, and Jimmy Butler scored just 13 points on 14 shots during a choppy night.

"They're fine," Spoelstra said of Martin and Strus. "They're not going to get sick at sea. If you're a shooter, you're not going to make all the shots you want. Then you have to find different ways to impact the game. Our team is not built only on the three-point ball."

The Nuggets, fresher and flush of confidence, kept the Heat at bay throughout the second half, showing why they entered the series as clear favorites against the Eastern Conference's eighth seed. Jokic, who scored 12 points in the final period to seal the win, registered his ninth triple-double of this playoff run with a game-high 27 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists, and Murray added 26 points, six rebounds and 10 assists in the win. None of the Heat's previous playoff opponents had moved the ball nearly as well as the Nuggets, leaving Spoelstra to seek solutions for his opponent's size and spontaneity.

As it regroups for Sunday's Game 2, Miami's to-do list will include: more forceful play from Butler, better outside shooting from its wings, more diligent defending on Murray and better rim protection. That's a long list, and the Heat must also contend with the fact that the Nuggets cruised to a convincing victory without needing Jokic to truly exert himself as a scorer until the game's final minutes.

"We shot a lot of jump shots instead of putting the pressure on the rim," Butler said. "When you look at it during the game, they all look like the right shots. But we've got to get more layups and free throws. And whenever you miss [jumpers] and don't get back [on defense], the game can get out of hand quickly."

JERRY BREWER

The unusual history of the Nuggets has led to this peak

BREWER FROM D1

made 28 playoff appearances — and lost in the first or second round 24 times. They have been one-and-done 17 times. Their arrival in the championship round is a grand reintroduction to the NBA and to a region that has supported but not never loved them.

The Nuggets are here, at last. With a team full of core players in their prime, they could be more than a one-time visitor, too. It took them nearly a half-century to complete their transition from the ABA. After the merger, they came to the NBA with the Indiana Pacers, San Antonio Spurs and New York (now Brooklyn) Nets. Those three made their first Finals appearances between 1999 and 2002. Two decades later than its peers, Denver has a championship-caliber squad with staying power.

"The Nuggets, man, we're going to be here to stay for a long, long time," said Nuggets reserve Ish Smith, the former Washington Wizards guard who has played for 13 teams.

The 104-93 triumph in Game 1 wasn't necessarily a statement for Denver. This best-of-seven series should be a taxing journey from game to game as the Nuggets and Miami Heat — both teams with clear identities, solid depth and strong cultures — tinker and challenge each other. The Nuggets' entrance to the big time will resonate most.

It provided a chance to celebrate the undervalued history of this franchise. Denver has long been a quiet sanctuary for basketball artistry and innovation. At 5,280 feet above sea level, it is a place where a fast-paced, free-flowing game can thrive. This Denver team has been electric in the altitude, but even mediocre Nuggets squads have run visiting foes out of their arena.

It's a franchise that accentuated the skywalking of David Thompson, the superb skill of Dan Issel and the graceful arsenal of Alex English. Eight years before the Golden State Warriors unveiled the short-lived offensive wizardry of Run TMC, the Nuggets averaged a league-record 126.5 points per game during the 1981-82 season with English, Issel and Kiki Vandeweghe each averaging more than 21 points. Thompson, in his final season with the Nuggets, averaged 14.9 off the bench. But that team also allowed 126 points per game and finished 46-36 before losing in the first round.

For an organization without a large trophy case, the Nuggets have been blessed with memorable stars: Carmelo Anthony, Dikembe Mutombo, Bobby Jones, Fat Lever. Allen Iverson had a three-season cameo, his last good years in the NBA. Denver's all-time top 10 list could inspire some loud debates. Now the team is led by two-time MVP Nikola Jokic and guard Jamal Murray, a duo made for each other.

Considering its hoops heritage, Denver is a logical environment for Jokic to be the league's novel floor general. He is a 6-foot-11, 284-pound point guard playing center, an incomparable weapon in a league now dominated by five-out offenses. It took vision for Coach Michael Malone to commit to this style. You can put him with Doug Moe and Hall of Famers Larry Brown and George Karl on a list of creative minds who have influenced the Nuggets.

Karl had a .622 winning percentage and led the Nuggets to the postseason in all nine of his seasons. Moe, who directed those high-scoring teams in the 1980s, has a "432" jersey hanging in the Ball Arena rafters in recognition of his career victories. He had gotten his start as an assistant under Larry Brown, his friend and college teammate at North Carolina, with the Carolina Cougars in the ABA. In 1974, Brown and Moe left for Denver.

"We were like Frick and Frack, the dearest of friends," Brown said in an interview Thursday. "He's a dear friend. I remember sending him out to scout an opponent. Doug came back, and I said, 'Let me see some of the notes you took.' He wrote down: 'If we can't beat these [expletive], we shouldn't be coaching.'

"It was just us. It wasn't like today when you have 15 people on the bench and each player basically has his own coach to work with. In Denver, that experience for me was amazing. It's some of the best times I've ever had in coaching."

Brown also played one ABA season in Denver. They were the Rockets then. With that name, they had a memorable stint that included Spencer Haywood winning ABA MVP and rookie of the year at age 21 with averages of 30 points and 19.5 rebounds in 1969-70. But the franchise grew the most during Brown's five seasons leading the Nuggets, which straddled the team's move to the NBA.

In 1976, Brown helped the Nuggets reach the ABA Finals. They lost in six games to the Nets. Then came the merger, and Brown guided Denver to its first two NBA playoff appearances. Despite the immediate success, Denver was becoming a Broncos town. The football team was becoming a model organization, reaching the Super Bowl by the end of the 1977 season. While the Nuggets have been a consistent playoff team and a wonderful lab for experimentation, they have posted only 10 seasons of at least 50 victories in the NBA. They have never won 60.

Before this season, the Nuggets dreamed out loud. Actually, ownership announced the expectations.

"We're entering a new phase of the organization, and with this squad in particular, which is: It's championship or bust," said Josh Kroenke, the team president and governor. "And this is the first time those words have been uttered around these halls, I think."

Later, Kroenke added: "And that excites me. But that brings a lot of pressure. We're no longer the underdog that's kind of the lovable guys that are bouncing along from Denver, Colorado."

The Nuggets have arrived. Denver Nuggets Way isn't just a temporary street sign. It's a proclamation that they can offer more than fleeting fun. After a long wait, they now are rapidly approaching greatness.

NBA NOTES

Wizards bring in ex-Hawks executive

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It isn't a name to fill the Washington Wizards' vacant general manager position, but new Monumental Basketball president Michael Winger made his first hire.

Former Atlanta Hawks executive Travis Schlenk will serve as the senior vice president of player personnel, according to multiple people with knowledge of the situation, as the reimagined Wizards front office continues to take shape.

Schlenk will oversee all professional and amateur player evaluations worldwide, manage the organization's scouts and help construct a new criteria by which the team will evaluate players. Winger, now operating from D.C., continued his general manager search and conducted interviews this week, according to two people with knowledge of the process.

Count Schlenk's hiring as further indication that more significant changes are coming — Winger's redesigned front office will be bigger than previous iterations.

Schlenk comes to the Wizards after spending more than five years leading the Hawks' basketball operations. He stepped down in December as part of an overhaul of Atlanta's front office to transition into what the Hawks called an advisory role, but the Athletic reported Schlenk was a no longer a part of Atlanta's organization and was free to join another team.

From the beginning of his tenure in 2017, Schlenk had overseen the rebuilding of the Hawks, an arc that included drafting two-time all-Star Trae Young and current Sacramento Kings sharpshooter Kevin Huerter and culminated in the franchise's second trip to the Eastern Conference finals in 2021.



JOHN BAZEMORE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Hawks and Warriors executive Travis Schlenk will take over as senior vice president of player personnel for the Wizards.

Before his time in Atlanta, Schlenk worked for 13 seasons with the Golden State Warriors, the last five of which he spent as an assistant general manager under two-time executive of the year Bob Myers. In that role, he managed all of the Warriors' day-to-day basketball operations. Before then, he was the Warriors' director of player personnel.

Turnover on the Wizards' coaching staff at the assistant level, meanwhile, has begun.

ESPN reported earlier Thursday that assistant Ryan Richman accepted a coaching job in Japan after spending a decade with the Wizards' organization. In May, the team did not renew the contracts of assistant Alex McLean, the former director of player development, and Dean Oliver, who specialized in analytics.

— Ava Wallace

Morant news after Finals

The NBA will announce the results of its investigation into Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant's second handgun video, along with any additional punishment, "shortly after" the Finals are complete, Commissioner Adam Silver said.

Speaking at his annual Finals news conference before Game 1 between the Nuggets and Miami Heat in Denver, Silver said the league had essentially concluded its investigation into a May 13 video in which Morant appeared to flash a handgun while listening to music with his friends in a vehicle. To determine whether Morant would face an additional suspension from the NBA, Silver said he and his colleagues in the league office would weigh Morant's previous history, the "seriousness" of his conduct and "the history of prior acts" by other players, adding that he wasn't prepared to say whether Morant would be available at the start of the 2023-24 regular season.

"We've uncovered a fair amount of additional information since I was [last] asked about the situation," Silver said. "We probably could have brought it to a head now, but we made the decision, and I think the [National Basketball Players Association] agrees with us, that it would be unfair to these players and these teams in the middle of the series to announce the results of that investigation."

This second video, which prompted the Grizzlies to indefinitely suspend Morant, followed a March 4 video in which Morant flashed a handgun while at a nightclub near Denver. Silver met with Morant following the first incident and eventually suspended him for eight games, allowing the 23-year-old star sufficient time to return to the court for the playoffs after a brief stint at a Florida counseling center. Memphis was eliminated by the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round.

— Ben Golliver

Carbery and the Capitals are thrilled to be reunited

CAPITALS FROM D1

journey the last 13 years and toted them around this continent," he said. "I'm nowhere near sitting here without their continued support."

That support had carried him through coaching stints with the Capitals' farm system in North Charleston, S.C., and Hershey, Pa., over the past decade, but it was only after Carbery left Washington's organization two years ago to test himself as an assistant with the Toronto Maple Leafs that the door opened to this opportunity. He learned to deal with scrutiny in one of the NHL's biggest markets, rebuilding the team's power play into one of the league's best while learning to handle a crop of stars.

From afar, Capitals General Manager Brian MacLellan kept an eye on that development, hoping he would one day have a chance to bring back a homegrown coaching product who would soon be in high demand. When Washington's coaching job opened in April, MacLellan had a top choice and never wavered even as the team did its due diligence on other candidates — and even as Carbery interviewed with other teams, there was only one truly natural fit.

"As I went through the process with my family, this has always felt right for me, this organization," Carbery said. "The people I have relationships with, the way they treat players, the players they value. As I went through it, everything kept drawing me to this organization."

Carbery provided an ambitious vision for the future of the franchise Thursday. He discussed the importance of strengthening his relationship with the veteran core and uplifting that group with young, energetic players. He vowed to build the team's identity around pace and connectedness, which were glaring issues this past season. And he spoke of supporting captain Alex Ovechkin's pursuit of Wayne Gretzky's all-time goals record over the coming seasons and how it must be balanced with rebuilding a winning roster.

"It's a huge responsibility for me as a head coach. I've watched and saw his greatness up close and indirectly, and I take a lot of responsibility in that," he said. "So it's my job as head coach to put him in situations where he can be successful, and that's what my challenge is, and I don't take that lightly at all. That'll work into how we play as a group. That'll be one of my focuses is — how do we put him in situations to succeed?"

MacLellan said there is a "trust and comfort" with Carbery, who finished his playing career with Washington's ECHL affiliate, the South Carolina Stingrays, in 2010. The next year, he was hired as the coach of the team, serving for five years. Carbery eventually took over as coach of Washington's American Hockey League affiliate in Hershey in 2018, growing close to many Capitals prospects in his three seasons there and building relationships across the organization. But even after he earned the AHL's coach of the year honors in 2020-21, the Capitals did not have room to promote Carbery before he left for Toronto.

"That's the way the business works. It's unusual in that you try to develop coaches, but if the timing doesn't work out for the parent organization, another team could come in and pick off guys and have them for a few years," MacLellan said. "In the beginning, we were disappointed that Toronto hired him. But on the same page, we were excited about what he could do development-wise."

Carbery quickly made a name for himself because of his work with Toronto's power play, which produced the highest scoring percentages in franchise history over the past two seasons, converting at a 26.6 percent rate in that span.

He directed a cast of stars on that unit, including Auston Matthews, experience MacLellan believes will serve him well with Washington's veteran dressing room.

"It was a difficult decision," Carbery said. "but one that I felt like, A, I could help their organization, and B, me personally, I felt like it would help a lot in my development to one day hopefully become an NHL head coach."

Among Carbery's first tasks will be to collaborate with MacLellan in hiring two assistants, one to oversee the Capitals' power play and another to run the blue line. He will continue to meet his players in the coming weeks and help the team prepare for the draft at the end of the month.

But on Thursday, he just wanted to bask in his arrival. After he was done with his news conference, he greeted his family and gave them hugs. He said they would be looking for housing later in the day and for a youth hockey league for his son. At one point, Carbery called his hiring "surreal."

"I've indirectly stepped away from the organization for a few years at different points," he said. "But I've always had a connection to this organization and this team."



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"As I went through the process with my family, this has always felt right for me," Spencer Carbery said of rejoining the Capitals.

BARRY SVRLUGA

New coach will attempt to rebuild without rebuilding

SVRLUGA FROM D1

Capitals' next coach is right, the native of British Columbia will do what no coach before him could have realistically expected: outlast Ovechkin in the District. That, in turn, means he would get to both design and define what the Capitals become next.

"We're in a transition period here," MacLellan said. "We're trying to make the most of it. We'll see where it goes from here."

This is an important hire, and Carbery — who was formally introduced Thursday at a news conference at Capital One Arena — could be a fine coach who is being placed in an untenable situation. The Capitals can't fully rebuild, because they badly want to usher Ovechkin into history with meaningful games and a worthy roster. But they also can't keep rolling out the same group of Ovechkin, Nicklas Backstrom, John Carlson, T.J. Oshie and Tom Wilson and identifying it as their core.

So here comes the part in which Carbery can excel: development. He did it for five years as the coach of the Capitals' ECHL affiliate in South Carolina and three more years as coach of the Caps' top minor league club in Hershey, Pa., with stops as an assistant in other places along the way. Knowing and drawing more out of 23-year-old defenseman Martin Fehervary, 22-year-old center Aliaksei Protas, 22-year-old forward Connor McMichael and others shouldn't be the issue. He already has done that job.

The challenge, then, is to somehow seamlessly get younger without having the established guys think, "Who does this guy think he is and what's he doing questioning the way I do my job?" The conviction with which Carbery spoke in front of the television cameras Thursday was admirable. "Our players will know exactly what the expectations are," he said, sternly, flatly and convincingly. That conviction has to be the same whether addressing a player who has scored 822 NHL goals or none.

"There's a mix, right?" Carbery said. "My job coming in here: We have a highly motivated group of veteran players, leadership group, and we also have a group of players that it's my job to bring along and integrate into that group. . . .

"That, to me, is exciting, if you have young players that are hungry to prove that they're capable National Hockey League players and you've got a group of veteran players that feel like they've got a chip on their shoulder. They're ready to prove something, that we are still a very strong team in the National Hockey League."

The Capitals' road to Carbery was predictable. This young-old-young toggle is typical across sports and particularly in this organization's recent history. When one approach doesn't work, go the other way. Makes sense.

When MacLellan first became general manager in 2014, he did so because Adam Oates, a Hall of Fame player but first-time NHL coach, had failed to reach the playoffs. MacLellan was paired with Barry Trotz, who had already spent 15 years behind an NHL bench. When Trotz resigned after the 2018 Stanley Cup victory, MacLellan turned in-house to assistant Todd Reirden, who had been a head coach in the AHL but not at the top level, because why upset a system that had worked? When Reirden was fired two years later — evidence that you can't know how a capable coach will handle his first chance at the big chair — the choice was Peter Laviolette, an NHL veteran of four previous teams, 18 previous seasons, a Cup win and two other appearances in the Cup finals.

This is a tennis match, and the volley is now back from established and experienced to young and unproven, although maybe that's too dismissive of Carbery, who is proven at the sport's lower levels. MacLellan said the Capitals at least did background checks on available veterans — not the tainted Cup winner Joel Quenneville, thank goodness — but his conclusion was important.

"Spencer came out on top from Day One," MacLellan said.

Maybe the most impressive thing Carbery said Thursday involved his decision to leave a comfortable job in a familiar organization — he was the AHL's coach of the year in Hershey — for a job as a Toronto Maple Leafs assistant before the 2021-22 season.

"I never played in the National Hockey League," Carbery said. "I hadn't coached there yet. It was a difficult decision but one that I felt like, A, I could help their organization, and B, me personally, I felt like it would help a lot in my development to one day hopefully become an NHL head coach."

He had developed players. He had the self-awareness that he had to develop himself.

The path for the Capitals to get better in personnel isn't obvious. They aren't a destination spot for an aging veteran looking to make one more run at a Cup — Patrick Kane or Jonathan Toews, say — like they once were for a Justin Williams. Plus, they shouldn't be pursuing players in their mid-30s, because they have enough of those. They have the eighth pick in the draft, but if that player has a significant impact on Carbery's *second* team, they will have done well. MacLellan has pulled off some shrewd trades dating back to landing Oshie from St. Louis in 2015, so maybe there's a move to be made in that market.

But the bet here is this is threefold: The roster as constructed is mostly what Carbery will have to work with in 2022-23. Beyond that, this is Ovechkin's last coach and MacLellan's last hire.

The transition to a post-Ovechkin era can't truly begin until goal No. 895 hits the back of the net and Ovechkin finally unlaces his skates for good. By then, Spencer Carbery should be a known commodity to Capitals players, Capitals fans and the NHL. In June 2023, he can be described as "on the rise." If he's still viewed that way two Junes from now, the Caps will have identified and empowered the correct steward to oversee the franchise's Ovechkin-less future — whatever that will look like.

To defend two regional titles this summer, U.S. men will stick with the plan

BY STEVEN GOFF

In the effort to retain two regional titles this summer, the U.S. men's national soccer team has planned all along to use a strategy similar to one that succeeded two summers ago: a European-heavy squad for the first test and a largely MLS-based group for the second trial.

For the Concacaf Nations League finals, a four-team competition kicking off in two weeks in Las Vegas, interim coach B.J. Callaghan on Thursday followed through on those intentions by selecting 20 players from leagues abroad for the 24-man training camp.

In a few weeks, Callaghan will summon many MLS players for the Concacaf Gold Cup, a 16-team competition beginning June 24 at 13 venues in the United States and one in Canada.

The split-squad approach is partly a function of the schedule: Foreign-based players are entering the offseason on the club scene, and although they are available for both Concacaf tournaments, they need a break. MLS players are in midseason and, because of national team duty, would miss time with their clubs to play international soccer.

Beyond the scheduling challenges, Callaghan said he is aiming to expose as many players as possible to high-stakes competition as the 2026 World Cup approaches.

"It's two big tournaments for us" this summer, he said. "And when you're putting together these rosters, it can become a little bit complicated. . . . The main objective we were trying to accomplish here is how we can expose the most amount of players to make them battle-tested in knockout type of games."

The United States will face Mexico in the Nations League semifinals June 15 at Allegiant Stadium. The winner will advance to the June 18 final against Canada or Panama.

Thirteen call-ups are from the 26-man squad that advanced to the World Cup's round of 16 in Qatar in December, including Christian Pulisic, Weston McKennie, Matt Turner, Yunus Musah, Tim Weah and Gio Reyna.

The list also includes Arsenal's Folarin Balogun, a high-scoring, multinational forward who last month committed to the U.S. program after competing primarily for English junior national teams.

Four players are from MLS: goalkeepers Sean Johnson (Toronto FC) and Drake Callender (Inter Miami) and defenders Miles Robinson (Atlanta United) and Walker Zimmerman (Nashville SC).

Eight foreign-based players were ruled out because of injury: goalkeepers Zack Steffen and Ethan Horvath, defenders Cameron Carter-Vickers and Tim Ream, midfielders Tyler Adams and Malik Tillman and forwards Josh Sargent and Daryl Dike.

Steffen, a surprise omission from the World Cup squad, figured to back up — or perhaps challenge — Turner for playing time. But he underwent knee surgery this week and will be sidelined three to four months, a person close to the situation said.

Callaghan — a World Cup assistant under Gregg Berhalter who was promoted this week after interim coach Anthony Hudson left for an opportunity abroad — has until Monday to submit a 23-player roster to Concacaf. With four goalkeepers in camp, one will not make the cut. Callender and Israeli-based Josh Cohen have never played for the national team.

MLS players passed over Thursday but who seem likely to receive Gold Cup invitations include forwards Jesús Ferreira, Brandon Vazquez and Jordan Morris and midfielder Kellyn Acosta, among many others. Some based abroad who weren't chosen for the Nations League are candidates for the Gold Cup. Few, if any, will appear in both tournaments.

In 2021, the United States won both trophies by beating Mexico in the championship games.

Callaghan said he had worked closely with Hudson for weeks on the summer roster puzzle before Hudson resigned.

"It was just sort of an easy transition into making it final," Callaghan said, "but we were well down that process prior to that phone call I got" last Friday from sporting director Matt Crocker, who offered him the job.

Callaghan, 41, is under contract until after the Gold Cup but, given his experience, isn't expected to be in the running for the permanent job. Crocker plans to begin interviews this month and hire someone by the end of the summer.

Nations League roster

Goalkeepers: Drake Callender (Inter Miami), Josh Cohen (Maccabi Haifa), Sean Johnson (Toronto FC), Matt Turner (Arsenal).

Defenders: Sergiño Dest (AC Milan), Chris Richards (Crystal Palace), Antonee Robinson (Fulham), Miles Robinson (Atlanta United), Joe Scally (Borussia Mönchengladbach), Auston Trusty (Birmingham City), Walker Zimmerman (Nashville SC).

Midfielders: Johnny Cardoso (Internacional), Luca de la Torre (Celta Vigo), Weston McKennie (Leeds United), Yunus Musah (Valencia), Gio Reyna (Borussia Dortmund), Alan Soñora (FC Juárez).

Forwards: Brenden Aaronson (Leeds United), Folarin Balogun (Reims), Taylor Booth (Utrecht), Ricardo Pepi (Groningen), Christian Pulisic (Chelsea), Tim Weah (Lille), Alex Zendejas (Club América).

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	33	23	.589	—	4-6	W-1
New York	30	27	.526	3½	6-4	W-3
Miami	29	28	.509	4½	5-5	L-1
Philadelphia	25	31	.446	8	3-7	L-4
Washington	24	32	.429	9	5-5	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	29	27	.518	—	4-6	L-1
Pittsburgh	28	27	.509	½	4-6	W-2
Cincinnati	26	30	.464	3	7-3	L-1
St. Louis	25	32	.439	4½	5-5	W-1
Chicago	24	31	.436	4½	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Arizona	34	23	.596	—	7-3	W-5
Los Angeles	34	23	.596	—	5-5	L-1
San Francisco	28	28	.500	5½	6-4	L-2
San Diego	26	30	.464	7½	6-4	W-1
Colorado	24	34	.414	10½	4-6	L-4

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	40	18	.690	—	6-4	W-1
Baltimore	35	21	.625	4	5-5	L-1
New York	34	24	.586	6	6-4	L-1
Toronto	30	27	.526	9½	5-5	W-1
Boston	29	27	.518	10	3-7	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	30	27	.526	—	5-5	W-2
Detroit	26	28	.481	2½	6-4	W-1
Cleveland	25	31	.446	4½	5-5	L-1
Chicago	23	35	.397	7½	4-6	L-1
Kansas City	17	39	.304	12½	3-7	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	35	20	.636	—	7-3	L-1
Houston	33	23	.589	2½	6-4	W-1
Seattle	29	27	.518	6½	7-3	W-1
Los Angeles	30	28	.517	6½	5-5	L-1
Oakland	12	46	.207	24½	2-8	L-1

Candelario can help now and later

Veteran third baseman brings good vibes to young Nationals, and he could be a trade chip

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY



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Jeimer Candelario brings long-sought stability at third base for the Nats, and as a switch-hitter with power from the left side, he might draw interest from contenders.

LOS ANGELES — Jeimer Candelario is a vibes guy without trying too hard. He smiles more than the average ballplayer. Latin American teammates often huddle by his locker before games, trading jokes in Spanish. But on Wednesday morning, ahead of a series finale at Dodger Stadium, Candelario went into hype man overdrive, engaging anyone and everyone in the Washington Nationals' clubhouse.

"Hello! Hello!" Candelario said after walking through the door, headphones on, perhaps leading him to use his outdoor voice. The third baseman wished a small crowd of reporters good morning. He called it a "blessed day!" Then he looked a locker over, straight at catcher Riley Adams, and made a prediction for the afternoon: "We're going to win."

It wasn't exactly Joe Namath calling the Super Bowl. But Candelario did make good on his word, helping the Nationals to a 10-6 victory that avoided a sweep. The highlight of his performance: a go-ahead two-run homer in the fifth off a change-up from Noah Syndergaard. The rest: a walk in the second, an RBI single in the third and an intentional walk in the seventh, the sixth time in his career he took first without seeing a pitch.

And the upshot: The 29-year-old Candelario, who is on a one-year, $5 million deal, could be a useful trade chip at the deadline in two months. Advanced metrics consider him a top defensive third baseman. From the left side, the switch-hitter is showing pop that could be attractive to a contending team, assuming the Nationals will try to again recoup prospects for veterans on expiring deals.

Unlike César Hernández and Nelson Cruz a year ago, Candelario could be a rental who eventually brings something back.

"I'm trying to concentrate on getting a good pitch to hit," said Candelario, who joined the Nationals after the Detroit Tigers non-tendered him last fall. ". . . I'm thinking ready to hit, but actually I want the pitcher to come to me. I want to be able to swing at strikes, and that's what we're doing right now."

The Tigers cut bait with Candelario after he finished last year with a .217 average, .272 on-base percentage and .361 slugging percentage. The Nationals then signed him as a reclamation project, hoping they could get him back to his 2021 self. That's when Candelario led the majors with 42 doubles and blasted 16 home runs. His adjusted OPS was 21 points above the major league average. He seemed like a staple of Detroit's plans.

But one down year passed him from one rebuilding club to another. With Washington, he has been a rock at third, above all else. Asked about Candelario's offense Wednesday, Manager Dave Martinez instead pointed to a play he made in the ninth, charging to scoop a grounder and throw out the speedy Chris Taylor on the run. Earlier this month, left-hander Patrick Corbin noted how Candelario's defense makes him more confident throwing inside to hitters.

Since Anthony Rendon left in free agency in 2019, the Nationals have cycled through Carter Kieboom, Asdrúbal Cabrera, Starlin Castro and Maikel Franco, among others, at third. The revolving door has rarely provided reliable defense. But at the deadline, teams are more often looking to add offense. Candelario has seven homers and an .824 OPS as a lefty. As a righty, he has zero homers and a .641 OPS, a stark difference that could narrow any market for him to teams seeking a left-handed bat.

He has typically had more power as a lefty but hit for a higher average from the right side. He also feels close to evening those splits.

"It's coming, it's coming," he said Wednesday, later joking that the Dodgers intentionally walked him before he was set to hit right-handed. "Switch-hitting is not that easy, brother. When switch hitters have their two [sides] the right way, they go off. It's not easy to put it together, but we're working really hard. We're going to do it, too."

There was the same certainty Candelario flashed before Washington beat the Dodgers. Throughout the Nationals' rebuild, it has been easy to view stopgap veterans only through the lens of their potential trade value. And even if that remains a prudent exercise with Candelario, it is worth noting he is good for the Nationals' culture and young players.

At the mention of Candelario's name Wednesday, Luis García, the club's 23-year-old second baseman, immediately cracked a smile. Earlier, Candelario had yelled "Mi hermano!" when he passed García's locker. For Stone Garrett, a 27-year-old outfielder, he switched to "my man!" and initiated a loud high-five. Reminded of his prediction after the game, Candelario grinned and suggested no one wanted a sad cross-country flight.

By the end of the interview, he had one foot up on his chair and leaned in to thoughtfully consider each question. He appeared ready to talk and talk and talk, should reporters stay interested in what makes him tick and thrive in the box.

No one could have made him feel anything but comfortable. And for a team still searching for its identity, there is real value in that.

"A lot of times in the dugout, especially when we're down, behind one or two runs, he does a great job of getting the energy up and just pushing us," García said through a team interpreter. "So it's great having him as a teammate, a veteran guy who's been in the game a long time like him, to motivate us."

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Today	7:05	MASN
Tomorrow	4:05	MASN
Sunday	1:35	MASN

vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Tuesday	7:05	MASN2
Wednesday	7:05	MASN2
Thursday	1:05	MASN2

at Atlanta Braves

June 9	7:20	MASN
June 10	4:10	MASN
June 11	1:35	MASN

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NL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.382
Freeman, LA	.346
Acuña Jr., Atl	.324
Díaz, Col	.314
Gurriel Jr., Ari	.309
Estrada, SF	.301
Castellanos, Phi	.300
Meneses, Was	.300

HOME RUNS

Alonso, NY	20
Muncy, LA	17
Soler, Mia	17
Olson, Atl	17
Wisdom, Chi	14
Gorman, StL	13
Schwarber, Phi	13
Betts, LA	13

RBI

Alonso, NY	46
Olson, Atl	42
Gorman, StL	41
Muncy, LA	40
Lindor, NY	40
Martinez, LA	39
Murphy, Atl	38
Bohm, Phi	37

STOLEN BASES

Acuña Jr., Atl	23
Carroll, Ari	16
Marte, NY	16
Bae, Pit	15
Chisholm Jr., Mia	14
Hoerner, Chi	14
Estrada, SF	13
Yelich, Mil	12

HITS

Freeman, LA	79
Arraez, Mia	73
Acuña Jr., Atl	72
Meneses, Was	67
Castellanos, Phi	65
Nimmo, NY	64
Stott, Phi	64
Goldschmidt, StL	61
Thomas, Was	61

ERA

Elder, Atl	1.92
Stroman, Chi	2.59
Steele, Chi	2.65
Gallen, Ari	2.73
Webb, SF	2.75
Gray, Was	2.77
Kelly, Ari	2.83
Strider, Atl	2.97
Cobb, SF	3.05

WINS

Keller, Pit	7-1
Gallen, Ari	7-2
Steele, Chi	6-2
Kelly, Ari	6-3
Kershaw, LA	6-4
Gibaut, Cin	5-1
Wacha, SD	5-1

SAVES

Doval, SF	14
Díaz, Cin	13
Hader, SD	13
Finnegan, Was	11
Johnson, Col	11
Bednar, Pit	10
Robertson, NY	10
Williams, Mil	9
Chafin, Ari	8

INNINGS PITCHED

Keller, Pit	74⅔
Nola, Phi	74⅔
Stroman, Chi	73
Gallen, Ari	72⅔
Webb, SF	72
Mikolas, StL	69⅔
Alcantara, Mia	69⅓
Steele, Chi	68

STRIKEOUTS

Strider, Atl	106
Keller, Pit	93
Greene, Cin	88
Gallen, Ari	82
Luzardo, Mia	78
Webb, SF	76
Wheeler, Phi	76
Kershaw, LA	75
Gore, Was	74

AL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Bichette, Tor	.332
Yoshida, Bos	.312
Hays, Bal	.311
Urshela, LA	.311
Díaz, TB	.310
Rizzo, NY	.304
Judge, NY	.298
Franco, TB	.298

HOME RUNS

Judge, NY	18
Ohtani, LA	15
Alvarez, Hou	14
García, Tex	14
Robert Jr., Chi	13
Trout, LA	13
Devers, Bos	13

RBI

García, Tex	49
Alvarez, Hou	48
Devers, Bos	48
Semien, Tex	44
Naylor, Cle	40
Arozarena, TB	40

STOLEN BASES

Ruiz, Oak	28
Franco, TB	20
Witt Jr., KC	17
Mateo, Bal	15
Merrifield, Tor	15
Walls, TB	15
Lowe, TB	13
Mullins, Bal	13
Volpe, NY	13

HITS

Bichette, Tor	81
Semien, Tex	67
Franco, TB	65
Rizzo, NY	62
Chapman, Tor	61
Guerrero Jr., Tor	61
Jung, Tex	61
Lowe, Tex	61

ERA

Gray, Min	1.94
McClanahan, TB	2.07
Rodriguez, Det	2.13
Valdez, Hou	2.38
Eovaldi, Tex	2.42
Castillo, Sea	2.69
Gausman, Tor	2.76
Ryan, Min	2.77

WINS

McClanahan, TB	8-1
Eflin, TB	7-1
Eovaldi, Tex	7-2
Ryan, Min	7-2
Gibson, Bal	7-3
Cole, NY	6-0
Javier, Hou	6-1
Pérez, Tex	6-1
Kikuchi, Tor	6-2

SAVES

Clase, Cle	17
Bautista, Bal	14
Estévez, LA	13
Romano, Tor	13
Jansen, Bos	11
Pressly, Hou	11
Sewald, Sea	11
Lange, Det	10

INNINGS PITCHED

Bieber, Cle	75
Gausman, Tor	75
Eovaldi, Tex	74⅓
Cole, NY	73⅔
Valdez, Hou	72
Gibson, Bal	71⅔
López, Min	71⅓
Kirby, Sea	71

STRIKEOUTS

Gausman, Tor	100
Ohtani, LA	90
López, Min	86
McClanahan, TB	82
Cole, NY	79
Valdez, Hou	77
Castillo, Sea	76
Lynn, Chi	76
Ryan, Min	76

Blue Jays 3, Brewers 1

Kevin Gausman pitched into the seventh inning without giving up a run to win back-to-back starts for the first time this season, Bo Bichette and Matt Chapman homered, and Toronto beat Milwaukee.

Gausman struck out 11, giving him 100 on the season and reclaiming the AL lead from Angels right-hander Shohei Ohtani.

The Brewers have lost five of seven.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.253
Miller 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.328
Tellez 1b	4	1	1	0	0	3	.244
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	1	3	.242
Anderson rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.239
Monasterio 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.375
Turang ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.205
Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.160
Wiemer cf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.199
TOTALS	30	1	6	0	3	12	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.259
Bichette ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.332
Guerrero Jr. dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Varsho lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.213
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	2	1	0	.289
Merrifield 2b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.295
Biggio 1b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.181
Kiermaier cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.311
Heineman c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	31	3	9	3	4	5	—

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LOB: Milwaukee 5, Toronto 8. **2B:** Wiemer (9), Heineman (1). **3B:** Tellez (1). **HR:** Bichette (12), off Peralta; Chapman (8), off Peralta.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta	6	6	3	3	2	3	4.62
Megill	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.70
Peguero	1	2	0	0	2	1	3.06

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman	6⅔	5	0	0	2	11	2.76
Swanson	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.04
Romano	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.27

WP: Gausman (4-3); **LP:** Peralta (5-5); **S:** Romano (13). **T:** 2:20. **A:** 42,059 (49,282).

Padres 10, Marlins 1

Joe Musgrove pitched a no-hitter into the sixth inning, Fernando Tatis Jr. had three doubles and four RBI, and San Diego beat Miami.

Recently acquired Gary Sánchez homered for the second consecutive day for the Padres, who wrapped up a 5-4 road trip.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kim 3b-ss	4	2	1	0	1	1	.241
Tatis Jr. rf	4	2	3	4	1	0	.253
Soto lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.259
Grisham cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.257
Odor 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Dixon 1b	4	1	2	2	0	1	.243
Cronenworth 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.206
G.Sánchez dh	4	2	2	3	0	1	.364
Azocar cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.235
Nola c	4	1	0	0	0	0	.125
TOTALS	36	10	11	10	2	11	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.382
Hampson 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Soler dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.249
Stallings ph-p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.148
De La Cruz lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.295
J.Sánchez rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.293
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Fortes c	2	0	0	0	1	0	.239
Segura 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.201
Berti 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.272
Davis cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.308
Wendle ss	2	0	1	0	1	1	.182
TOTALS	28	1	4	1	3	5	—

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E: Nola (1). **LOB:** San Diego 4, Miami 4. **2B:** Kim (8), Tatis Jr. 3 (8), Bogaerts (8), Dixon (2). **HR:** G.Sánchez (2), off Luzardo.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Musgrove	6	3	1	0	3	3	4.71
Carlton	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.08
Cosgrove	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo	5⅓	4	5	5	1	8	4.05
Barnes	⅓	4	5	5	1	0	5.48
Hoeing	2⅓	2	0	0	0	3	3.27
Stallings	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Musgrove (3-2); **LP:** Luzardo (4-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Barnes 2-2, Hoeing 3-3. **HBP:** Luzardo (Soto), Stallings (Odor). **T:** 2:27. **A:** 8,405 (37,446).

Mets 4, Phillies 2

Mark Canha hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in his latest blitz of Philadelphia pitching, Max Scherzer settled down from a shaky first inning to win his third straight decision, and New York swept the defending NL champions.

The Phillies dropped to a season-worst six games under .500.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.284
Turner ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.236
Harper dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.304
Castellanos rf	3	0	3	1	0	0	.300
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.160
Marsh cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Ellis ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Clemens 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.254
Stubbs c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Realmuto ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.256
TOTALS	31	2	6	1	1	12	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.295
Lindor ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.220
McNeil 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.287
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.235
Baty 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.240
S.Marte rf	2	1	0	0	0	0	.243
Vogelbach dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Vientos ph-dh	0	0	0	1	0	0	.192
Canha lf	2	1	1	2	1	0	.245
Álvarez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
TOTALS	26	4	4	4	4	3	—

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E: Álvarez (3). **LOB:** Philadelphia 4, New York 5. **2B:** Baty (6). **HR:** Canha (5), off Walker.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Walker	4	2	3	3	3	2	5.65
Strahm	2	2	1	1	1	1	3.20
Soto	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.48
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.57

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	7	5	2	1	1	9	3.21
Brigham	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.26
Raley	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	2.84
Smith	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.86

WP: Scherzer (5-2); **LP:** Walker (4-3); **S:** Smith (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Smith 1-0. **HBP:** Walker (S.Marte). **T:** 2:32. **A:** 38,302 (42,136).

Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 4

Corbin Carroll delivered a two-out, two-run single in the ninth inning as Arizona beat Colorado to move into a tie for the NL West lead.

With first base open and Christian Walker on deck, the Rockies pitched to Carroll, who came through with his first career walk-off hit.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	5	0	1	0	0	0	.284
Profar lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
McMahon 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.255
Díaz c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.314
H.Castro 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.279
Moustakas 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.232
Jones rf	4	0	2	1	0	2	.318
Doyle cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.244
Tovar ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.241
TOTALS	36	4	10	4	1	9	—

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Smith rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Rivera ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	.347
Longoria ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.215
Marte 2b	4	2	2	1	1	0	.284
Carroll lf-cf	5	0	1	2	0	1	.287
Walker 1b	4	1	3	0	0	0	.252
Gurriel Jr. dh-lf	4	0	1	2	0	0	.309
Rojas 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.232
Perdomo ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.278
McCarthy cf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.200
Herrera c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.245
Moreno ph-c	1	1	0	0	1	0	.289
TOTALS	35	5	9	5	4	9	—

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Two outs when winning run scored. **LOB:** Colorado 6, Arizona 8. **2B:** McMahon (16), Walker (11), Gurriel Jr. (15), Marte 2 (10). **HR:** Tovar (4), off K.Nelson.

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Seabold	5⅓	3	1	1	2	5	5.40
Bird	⅔	2	1	1	1	2	2.95
Hand	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	3.54
Lawrence	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.93
Johnson	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	6.85

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Davies	5⅔	7	3	3	1	4	5.40
K.Nelson	1⅓	2	1	1	0	3	2.86
Ruiz	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.63
Ginkel	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.20

WP: Ginkel (2-0); **LP:** Johnson (0-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bird 1-1, Lawrence 1-0, K.Nelson 1-1. **T:** 2:53. **A:** 16,492 (48,359).

Red Sox 8, Reds 2

Rafael Devers doubled on a deep drive to center that almost left the park to break an eighth-inning tie, and Boston overcame Chris Sale's early exit because of shoulder soreness to beat Cincinnati.

Sale left with two outs in the fourth inning and the Red Sox trailing 1-0.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Newman 3b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.291
McLain ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.354
India 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.277
Steer 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.289
Stephenson dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.246
Fairchild rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Fraley ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Senzel lf	2	0	0	0	2	2	.267
Barrero cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Casali c	3	1	1	0	0	2	.164
TOTALS	32	2	7	2	3	11	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.288
Devers 3b	3	1	2	1	1	1	.252
Turner dh	4	0	2	1	0	2	.267
Tapia pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.274
Yoshida lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.312
Duran cf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.288
Hernández ss	4	2	2	3	0	1	.239
Casas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Wong c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.244
Valdez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	32	8	8	7	5	8	—

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LOB: Cincinnati 6, Boston 5. **2B:** Casali (1), Newman 2 (7), Steer (15), Stephenson (11), Devers 2 (15). **HR:** Hernández (5), off Gibaut; Wong (6), off Herget.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene	6	2	1	1	3	8	3.92
Gibaut	1	1	1	1	0	0	3.76
Herget	1	5	6	6	2	0	5.30

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale	3⅔	5	1	1	1	6	4.58
Garza	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.17
Winckowski	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.08
Pivetta	1	0	0	0	0	3	5.54
Martin	1	2	1	1	0	0	1.72
Jansen	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.24

WP: Martin (1-1); **LP:** Herget (1-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Garza 2-0. **IBB:** off Herget (Duran). **WP:** Martin. **T:** 2:38. **A:** 31,204 (37,755).

Twins 7, Guardians 6

Royce Lewis hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth and Willi Castro had a game-ending sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the ninth to lift Minnesota.

Cleveland rookie Tanner Bibee still hasn't won since his major league debut April 26.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.261
Rosario ss	5	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Ramírez 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.277
Giménez 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.242
Bell dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.225
Arias 1b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.211
Brennan rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.240
Zunino c	4	0	1	2	0	0	.196
Straw cf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.227
TOTALS	37	6	9	6	1	6	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Polanco 2b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.280
Kirilloff 1b	3	1	1	1	2	0	.315
Correa ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.207
Castro lf	1	1	1	1	0	0	.280
Buxton dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Solano ph-dh	2	1	2	1	0	0	.287
Kepler rf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.198
Farmer ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Lewis 3b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.308
Gallo lf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.188
Taylor cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.215
Vázquez c	3	1	2	0	1	0	.244
Jeffers pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.267
TOTALS	34	7	10	7	3	8	—

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One out when winning run scored. **E:** Polanco (2). **LOB:** Cleveland 5, Minnesota 7. **2B:** Giménez (9), Vázquez (4), Solano (10), Polanco (8). **HR:** Taylor (7), off Bibee; Lewis (2), off Stephan.

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bibee	5	6	3	3	1	6	3.20
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.10
Karinchak	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.18
Stephan	1	3	3	3	0	1	2.96
Morgan	⅓	1	1	1	2	0	1.93

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
P.López	5⅔	8	6	6	1	5	4.54
Pagán	2⅓	1	0	0	0	0	4.12
Jax	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.44

WP: Jax (3-6); **LP:** Morgan (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Pagán 2-0. **IBB:** off Morgan (Kirilloff). **HBP:** Bibee (Buxton). **T:** 2:34. **A:** 16,788 (38,544).

Astros 5, Angels 2

Alex Bregman and José Abreu had two RBI each and Kyle Tucker added three hits to lead Houston past Los Angeles.

The win was the 2,126th of manager Dusty Baker's career, moving him into sole possession of eighth place on the all-time list.

Astros starter Ronel Blanco allowed two runs in his first major league start.

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ward lf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.231
Trout cf	3	0	0	0	2	0	.274
Ohtani dh	5	0	1	0	0	2	.267
Drury 2b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.249
Thaiss c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.283
Renfroe rf	5	0	3	0	0	0	.256
Urshela 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.311
Walsh 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.167
Neto ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.245
TOTALS	38	2	11	2	4	9	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.316
Peña ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.251
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.274
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	2	1	0	.247
Tucker rf	4	2	3	0	0	0	.277
J.Abreu 1b	3	0	1	2	0	0	.213
Julks lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.268
Meyers cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Diaz c	3	1	1	1	0	0	.231
TOTALS	32	5	9	5	2	6	—

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LOB: Los Angeles 13, Houston 6. **2B:** Drury (14), Tucker 2 (12), Julks (8), J.Abreu (8). **HR:** Drury (10), off Blanco.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Detmers	5	6	4	4	2	2	5.15
Webb	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.57
Joyce	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Loup	1	2	1	1	0	1	6.75

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Blanco	5⅓	7	2	2	3	5	4.15
Neris	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.16
B.Abreu	1	1	0	0	1	0	2.05
Montero	1	1	0	0	0	2	6.35
Pressly	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.09

WP: Blanco (1-0); **LP:** Detmers (0-5); **S:** Pressly (11). **Inherited runners-scored:** Neris 2-0. **WP:** Detmers. **T:** 2:36. **A:** 34,037 (41,000).

Diamondbacks 6, Rockies 0

Late Wednesday

Christian Walker hit his 100th career home run, Tommy Henry threw seven strong innings, and Arizona won its fourth straight game, beating division foe Colorado.

The Diamondbacks improved to 33-23, the first time they have been 10 games over .500 since 2018.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Grichuk rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.351
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.240
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Díaz dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.321
Montero 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Jones lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.278
Doyle cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.233
Trejo 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Wynns c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.174
TOTALS	29	0	3	0	2	9	—

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Smith dh	2	2	2	1	3	0	.226
Marte 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.279
Carroll cf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.290
Walker 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.242
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.311
Rojas 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.237
Moreno c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.291
McCarthy rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.198
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.285
TOTALS	35	6	10	6	3	8	—

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E: Lambert (1), Tovar (4), Marte (4). **LOB:** Colorado 4, Arizona 8. **2B:** Jones (2), Smith (5). **HR:** Walker (12), off Lambert.

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lamet	3	7	5	5	0	4	13.1
Lambert	2⅔	3	1	1	2	3	5.40
Bird	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.75
Suter	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.93

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Henry	7	2	0	0	2	7	3.73
Adams	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.00
Ruiz	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.80

WP: Henry (3-1); **LP:** Lamet (1-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bird 1-0. **WP:** Lamet. **PB:** Wynns (2). **T:** 2:38. **A:** 11,844 (48,359).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Dodgers: Acquired RHP Ricky Vanasco from the Rangers for LHP Luis Valdez and designated RHP Zack Burdi for assignment.

Guardians: Will place RHP Cal Quantrill on the injured list with shoulder inflammation, creating an opening in the rotation with the impending return of RHPs Aaron Civale and Triston McKenzie from their injuries.

Phillies: Placed IF Alec Bohm on the 10-day IL with a strained left hamstring, recalled 3B Drew Ellis from Class AAA Lehigh Valley and designated OF Cal Stevenson for assignment.

Rockies: Activated DH Charlie Blackmon from the bereavement list before facing Arizona and placed OF Kris Bryant (left heel bruise) on the 10-day IL.

Twins: Reinstated 2B Jorge Polanco (hamstring) from the 10-day IL and sent IF Edouard Julien to Class AAA St. Paul.

TODAY

NL games

PHILLIES AT NATIONALS, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Wheeler (R)	4-4	3.60	6-5
Gray (R)	4-5	2.77	5-6
BREWERS AT REDS, 5:10			
Burnes (R)	4-4	3.68	5-6
Williamson (L)	0-0	5.02	3-0
CARDINALS AT PIRATES, 7:05			
Flaherty (R)	3-4	4.81	7-4
Contreras (R)	3-4	4.33	4-5
BRAVES AT DIAMONDBACKS, 9:40			
Morton (R)	5-5	3.59	5-5
Kelly (R)	6-3	2.83	7-4
CUBS AT PADRES, 9:40			
Taillon (R)	0-3	8.04	0-8
Wacha (R)	5-1	3.45	7-3

NL scores

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 10, at L.A. Dodgers 6
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at Miami 2, San Diego 1
at N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 1
at Arizona 6, Colorado 0

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
San Diego 10, at Miami 1
at N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 2
at Arizona 5, Colorado 4

Interleague games

ORIOLES AT GIANTS, 10:15	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Kremer (R)	5-2	4.58	7-4
Webb (R)	4-5	2.75	4-7
ATHLETICS AT MARLINS, 6:40			
Harris (L)	0-0	10.12	0-0
Cabrera (R)	3-4	5.02	6-5
BLUE JAYS AT METS, 7:10			
Bassitt (R)	5-4	3.80	6-5
Verlander (R)	2-2	4.80	2-3
ROCKIES AT ROYALS, 8:10			
Anderson (R)	0-0	1.31	2-1
Lyles (R)	0-9	7.30	0-11
YANKEES AT DODGERS, 10:10			
Severino (R)	0-0	1.59	2-0
Kershaw (L)	6-4	3.32	7-4

Interleague scores

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 4, at Chicago Cubs 3
Atlanta 4, at Oakland 2
Milwaukee 4, at Toronto 2
Cincinnati 5, at Boston 4

THURSDAY'S RESULT
at Toronto 3, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 8, at Boston 2

AL games

RAYS AT RED SOX, 7:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Glasnow (R)	0-0	6.23	0-1
Whitlock (R)	2-2	5.14	2-2
MARINERS AT RANGERS, 8:05			
Castillo (R)	4-2	2.69	6-5
Gray (R)	5-1	2.81	6-4
GUARDIANS AT TWINS, 8:10			
Civale (R)	1-1	2.84	1-1
Ober (R)	3-2	2.68	4-3
TIGERS AT WHITE SOX, 8:10			
Olson (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0
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ANGELS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Ohtani (R)	5-1	2.91	8-3
Valdez (L)	5-4	2.38	6-5

AL scores

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Cleveland 12, at Baltimore 8
at Detroit 3, Texas 2
L.A. Angels 12, at Chicago White Sox 5
Minnesota 8, at Houston 2
at Seattle 1, N.Y. Yankees 0 (10)

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
at Minnesota 7, Cleveland 6
at Houston 5, L.A. Angels 2

For Mystics, early impressions are mixed

Despite offensive struggles, Washington is 2-2 after opening the season with the WNBA's busiest and toughest schedule

BY KAREEM COPELAND



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

After a hard stretch, Elena Delle Donne and the Mystics play four games vs. teams that are a combined 1-11.

The Washington Mystics' season opener nearly two weeks ago couldn't have gone much better. They sprinted out to a 16-point win over the new super team from New York and showed what they could be with a swarming defense, fast-paced transition game and deep bench. The only issue was a poor shooting effort from beyond the arc.

The ensuing seven days showed both potential and a lack of consistency as they arguably played the most difficult opening-week schedule in the WNBA.

"It's kind of to be expected when you play four games and you barely practice," Mystics Coach Eric Thibault said. "Now we get a chance to reassess. But if we want to be an elite team, we've got to be better on both ends."

Four games into the season, the Washington Mystics have yet to truly reveal themselves. They went 2-2 while playing three teams sitting in the top five slots of the standings entering Thursday's games — Connecticut (4-1), New York (3-1) and Chicago (3-2). The Mystics were responsible for half of those four combined losses, including New York's lone defeat. The first three games were played in a five-day stretch, leaving little time for practice after just two weeks of training camp. The Mystics were the lone team in the league to play four games in the first eight days of the season; seven teams played just two.

Not only was it a challenging schedule, Washington went on the road for home openers against the Sun and Sky — games teams are particularly fired up for.

"I don't like to start seasons off with soft play," guard Natasha Cloud said. "I want to play against the best, which I think Connecticut is one of the best teams. I think of them very much like us . . . teams that are forgotten about when you're talking about the superhero teams or super teams or whatever they're called.

"Losing humbles you of, okay, we know what we have in this locker room, but we still have to apply it to the floor every single night. So that was really good for us."

Offense, especially shooting, has been the biggest issue. Washington ranks last in three-point percentage (27.0), sixth in field goal percentage (40.7) and 10th in points per game (76.5). The Mystics had a week off between the Sky victory and their home game against the Dallas Wings on Friday, and Thibault created more gamelike situations in practice this week. There has been an emphasis on shooting in game settings and getting out in transition after defensive stops.

Washington has leaned on its defense, as expected. The Mystics led the league in points per game allowed in 2022 and currently rank fourth (75.3). They also are second in opponent's three-point percentage (28.3) and third in turnovers forced (16.8). The Sky mounted a comeback after trailing by 16, but the Mystics were able to get multiple stops in a row down the stretch to secure the win.

Offensive strides are needed, but there's no panic from the veteran group. Thibault, in his first season as coach, installed new actions that take time for everyone to get used to. Ariel Atkins, for example, is averaging a career low 8.8 points on a career-low 30.6 shooting percentage, but Thibault was encouraged with the looks they created for her against Chicago. She has been a model of consistency during her career, and there's little doubt her shot will return.

"It looked like a first week," Mystics forward Elena Delle Donne said. "I think that's the fun of basketball. You can have the same team come back each year, and every year is going to feel different, and you still have to build those building blocks and go through the beginning steps of learning each other to be able to make the reads, to build and build and build.

"So for us, yes, there's a lot of the same faces, but a lot of us are different, too. It's been a few years since we played together. Or we're older. Different things."

The first week of the season has been intriguing across the WNBA, with some teams that had significant offseason changes outperforming early expectations. The Sun and Sky both lost former MVPs but retained some core pieces. Chicago still has a championship-winning coach in James Wade, and Connecticut brought in Stephanie White, who has had success in the league. The Wings are 3-1 with a reworked roster and new coach. The Aces (4-0) and Liberty have one loss between them and are living up to their status as the favorites to make the finals after Las Vegas added Candace Parker and Alysha Clark and New York brought in Breanna Stewart, Jonquel Jones and Courtney Vandersloot.

"I definitely want to credit the coaches and GMs that had a vision," ESPN analyst LaChina Robinson said. "It's obviously much more than just picking pieces and hope they all come together.

"I think there's a bit of motivation happening as well for a lot of these teams that people aren't talking about as the super teams have kind of been the narrative in the offseason. All these other teams are coming out with a little bit of a chip on their shoulders with something to prove."

Washington is certainly one of those teams, and the upcoming schedule looks a bit lighter. The Wings have exceeded expectations, but the Minnesota Lynx (0-5) come to Washington on Saturday. That precedes five off days before a pair of games in Seattle (0-3) and one in Indiana (1-3). That's four straight games against teams that are a combined 1-11.

"It's absolutely going to take time with Eric putting in a couple of wrinkles and things," Robinson said, "going away from the pick and roll . . . which is a style that this team has become very accustomed to. So you have to develop a different type of chemistry in a new system. So even though the pieces are similar, figuring out where the reads are coming from in this makeup takes time.

"But there's no doubt that you look at the pieces and say this could be a really special team on offense but in a different way than what we knew this group to do a few years back."

VIRGINIA CLASS 6 REGION C GIRLS' SOCCER FINAL

With both teams moving on, Bruins use late goal to defeat Lions

LAKE BRADDOCK 1, FAIRFAX 0

BY MICHAEL ERRIGO


JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

Lake Braddock, which split the first two games of the season series vs. Fairfax, took the rubber match.

Lake Braddock defender Lauren Green sprinted toward the box as the high-arcing corner kick cleared the mass of players in front of the goal. Just before the set piece, Green had been advised by a teammate to stay at the back of the scrum in case the service went long. Now the ball was heading right toward her.

It met her in an impossible spot, too low for a header and too high for a kick. But Green, in full sprint, met the ball with enough momentum that it rolled off her midsection and toward the goal. It hit the back of the net with 8:30 remaining, the breakthrough moment in what had been a tense, scoreless evening.

Green's goal lifted the Bruins to a 1-0 victory over Fairfax in the Virginia Class 6 Region C championship game Thursday, Lake Braddock's first region title since 2005.

"I didn't even have time to register the ball was coming toward me. I was just running," Green said. "That ball going in is the best feeling I've had all year."

Both Lake Braddock and Fairfax guaranteed passage to the state playoffs earlier this week by winning in the region semifinals. This meant Thursday's championship game in Burke was more about hanging a banner than advancing to the next stage of the postseason.

It was also a rubber match for two of Northern Virginia's best teams. The Lions (15-2-2) and Bruins (15-4-0) split the first two games of the season series. Fairfax pounded Lake Braddock in the regular season, 4-1. But the Bruins got revenge in a 2-0 win in the Patriot District final, Fairfax's first defeat of the season.

"There were times, like losing to them, 4-1, where this team could have lost its belief," Bruins Coach David Wickham said. "But championships aren't won in April. They kept working."

The first half Thursday was defined by missed opportunities as both teams earned good looks at goal. The Lions were especially unlucky, hitting two posts and the crossbar in the early going.

In the second half, the Bruins tightened their defense and waited for an opportunity of their own. It arrived with Green's goal.

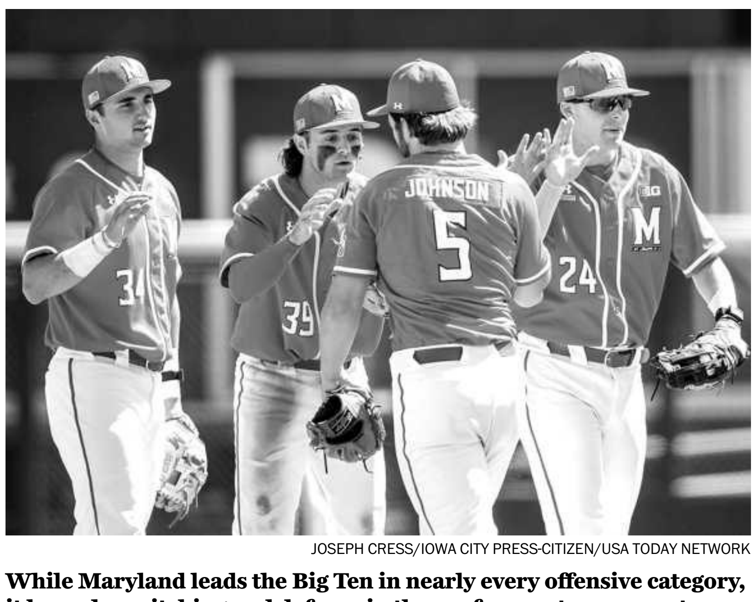
"It was a nerve-racking game," senior midfielder Nayeli Leon said. "It was going both ways the whole night, really could have gone to either of us."

After the match, Leon recalled a September afternoon spent sitting in the Lake Braddock athletics office discussing season goals with her co-captain, senior defender Talia Omer.

"Way before this season even started, we were talking about winning something. It was our senior year, and we thought it was time," Leon said. "We told people we were going to go win districts and regionals. Now we've done it."

Terps hitting their stride as tournament approaches

MARYLAND FROM D1



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While Maryland leads the Big Ten in nearly every offensive category, it leaned on pitching and defense in the conference tournament.

"I think momentum's a big thing," Terrapins catcher Luke Shliger said. "I think it's confidence, though. You know, you win some close games, you win some games kind of how you've never won them before, kind of like what we did this weekend. We didn't really score a bunch of runs, which we're used to doing, but we won the close ones."

Maryland leads the Big Ten this season in virtually every meaningful offensive category, including batting average (.312), hits (660), home runs (123), runs (555), total bases (1,190), on-base percentage (.431) and slugging percentage (.562). It ranks second nationally in homers and third in slugging.

But in the Big Ten tournament, the Terrapins leaned on pitching and defense to win their first three games by a combined four runs. The highlight of the season unfolded in the second game of the tournament when Lorusso belted a solo home run in the bottom of the 10th for a 2-1 victory over Nebraska.

Lorusso's 22nd home run not only propelled Maryland into the Big Ten tournament semifinals for the first time since 2017 but also delivered the Terrapins their first walk-off win this season.

The national leader in RBI this season with 99, Lorusso was named the tournament's most outstanding player, hitting .267 with two homers, three RBI and two runs.

"Just the way the team connected after that [win] I feel like was something truly special," said Lorusso, the Terrapins' career leader in RBI. "It's something that I've never had before."

In the championship game, Maryland, behind five pitchers, recorded its second shutout all-time in the Big Ten tournament. Right-hander Kenny Lippman (8-1) secured the win in relief by retiring all eight hitters he faced, starting with a double play in the fourth inning.

Reliever David Falco Jr. closed out the game with $2\frac{2}{3}$ scoreless innings that included two strikeouts.

The Terrapins yielded five runs total in the Big Ten tournament for a team ERA of 1.22, a promising trend compared with how the staff has fared for much of the season. Maryland's overall ERA is 5.68, which ranks seventh in the Big Ten.

Vaughn has not named his starter for the NCAA tournament opener, except to say the decision will come down to either Jason Savacool, a junior right-hander voted second-team all-Big Ten, or Nick Dean, a senior right-hander.

Savacool has not allowed a run over his past seven innings comprising one start and a relief appearance in the Big Ten tournament. Dean started the second game of the Big Ten tournament, yielding two hits and one earned run with five strikeouts over $6\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

"To do what these guys have done this year is awesome," said Vaughn, in his sixth season at Maryland. "We had a belief system how to build this thing, and our administration has been phenomenal in allowing us that time to do that. We've got something in place now that I think makes them proud, that I hope makes every former player, every alumni that has come through here proud of what we're doing."

GOLF ROUNDUP

Riley leads with 67 on hard day at Memorial

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Davis Riley opened with a 67 at the Memorial to finish atop the leader board after the opening round for the second straight year. And that's where the similarities end.

Riley birdied three of his last four holes Thursday afternoon when the turf was firm and the wind was swirling and the bad breaks led to big numbers, as Rory McIlroy found out.

Riley was in a six-way share of the lead last year. On Thursday, he led by one over Matt Wallace. Jordan Spieth was in the group at 69, ending his hopes for a bogey-free day by hitting into two bunkers on the 18th hole and saving bogey from the second one.

It was hot. It was hard. And at times it was tough to watch.

Chad Ramey hit four shots that went into the water on the ninth hole, which featured a front pin and a stream in front of the green. He made a 13, the highest score ever recorded on any of the holes at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio.

He posted an 88, still shy of the record high score of 92 that Roger Maltbie shot in 1979 in a second round that featured 30-mph winds and a wind chill of 13 degrees.

Dry and hot is the weather tournament founder Jack Nicklaus always wanted but rarely gets, and there were plenty of comparisons to a U.S. Open except for the generous fairways.

Defending champion Billy Horschel has been in a slump, and Muirfield Village was no place to try to snap out of that. Horschel had four 6s on his card of 84.

• **LPGA TOUR:** Two-time NCAA champion Rose Zhang made her professional debut and gave the tour what was expected and needed, a solid opening round in the Americas Open that put her in position to wow women's golf.

The 20-year-old from Stanford who has dominated the women's amateur rankings for more than two years shot a 2-under 70 at Liberty National in Jersey City. The Californian was five shots off the early lead held by Lauren Hartlage.

Aditi Ashok, the first player from India on the tour, was at 67 in a tournament in which the focus shifted to Zhang last weekend with her announcement she was turning pro.

Zhang didn't dominate on her first day as a pro but she showed enough, making five birdies and three bogeys on a day her putter didn't help her. She hit fairways and greens in a round on a course that features a par 3 played with the Statue of Liberty staring golfers in the face.

"This was definitely a round that could have been better, and that kind of gets me excited to work on more and to develop my game even further," Zhang said. "I felt like I left a couple shots out there, and I think there is a lot of room for improvement."

There were also some shots that were great. On the par-5 13th, she chipped in from 29 yards, coming from below the hole and having the ball cross the length of the green before falling in the hole.

• **DP WORLD TOUR:** Maximilian Kieffer delighted home fans at the European Open with a 4-under 69 for a share of the lead after the first round.

The 32-year-old Kieffer, bidding to be the first German winner on home soil for 15 years, carded five birdies and an eagle — offset by three bogeys — to share a one-stroke lead with Simon Forsstrom.

"It's been a great day. On the front nine I holed two very long putts and one chip in from off the green which really got the round going," Kieffer said.

Forsstom had five birdies and a bogey at Green Eagle Golf Courses in Hamburg. The Swedish player earned his first tour victory at the Soudal Open in Belgium three weeks ago.

"I thought it was tricky with the wind. It's very windy and gusty. So I'm very pleased with my performance," Forsstrom said.

Denmark's Marcus Helligkilde, Norway's Kristian Krogh Johannessen, Joost Luiten of the Netherlands and 2017 champion Jordan Smith of England are tied for third at 3 under.

Three Germans were among seven golfers at 2 under. Jannik De Bruyn, Freddy Schott and Marcel Siem are also bidding to become the first home player to win in Germany since Martin Kaymer in 2008. De Bruyn had a hole-in-one on the second hole.

WEEKEND TV AND RADIO

Tomorrow

MLB

1 p.m.	**Tampa Bay at Boston** » MLB Network
4 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Washington** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
4 p.m.	**Toronto at New York Mets** » MLB Network
7 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
10 p.m.	**Baltimore at San Francisco** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
10 p.m.	**Chicago Cubs at San Diego** » Fox Sports 1

STANLEY CUP FINALS

8 p.m.	**Game 1: Florida at Vegas** » TNT, TBS

WNBA

7 p.m.	**Minnesota at Washington** » NBC Sports Washington
10 p.m.	**Commissioner's Cup: Seattle at Los Angeles** » CBS Sports Network

AUTO RACING

6:30 a.m.	**Formula One: Spanish Grand Prix, practice** » ESPN2
10 a.m.	**Formula One: Spanish Grand Prix, qualifying** » ESPN
Noon	**NASCAR Xfinity Series: Pacific Office Automation 147, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
1:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Toyota 200** » Fox Sports 1
4:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Xfinity Series: Pacific Office Automation 147** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: European Open, third round** » Golf Channel
12:30 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Memorial Tournament, third round** » Golf Channel
2:30 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Memorial Tournament, third round** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
2:30 p.m.	**PGA Tour Champions: Principal Charity Classic** » Golf Channel
5 p.m.	**LPGA Tour: America Open, third round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

10 a.m.	**UEFA Women's Champions League, final: Wolfsburg at Barcelona** » CBS Sports Network
Noon	**Turkish Super Lig: Besiktas at Kasimpasa** » beIN Sports
2 p.m.	**German Cup, final: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. RB Leipzig** » ESPNU
4:30 p.m.	**MLS: Portland at Seattle** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: D.C. United at Inter Miami** » Apple TV Plus, WONK (104.7 FM)
8 p.m.	**NWSL: Racing Louisville FC at Washington** » Paramount Plus
8 p.m.	**NWSL: Portland at OL Reign** » CBS Sports Network

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: French Open, third round** » Tennis Channel
Noon	**ATP/WTA: French Open, third round** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

USFL

Noon	**Houston vs. Pittsburgh** » USA Network
3 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Birmingham** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

9 p.m.	**UFC Fight Night, flyweight main event: Kai Kara-France vs. Amir Albazi** » ESPN

RUGBY

7 p.m.	**Major League Rugby: San Diego at Chicago** » Fox Sports 1

NCAA BASEBALL REGIONALS

Noon	**Teams TBD** » ESPN
Noon	**Teams TBD** » ESPN2
Noon	**Teams TBD** » SEC Network
3 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ESPN2
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3 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ACC Network
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6 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » SEC Network
9 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » SEC Network
9 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ESPN2
9 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ESPNU

COLLEGE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

3 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
7 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ESPN

Sunday

MLB

1:30 p.m.	**Philadelphia at Washington** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
1:30 p.m.	**Toronto at New York Mets** » MLB Network
4 p.m.	**Baltimore at San Francisco** » MASN2, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
4:30 p.m.	**Atlanta at Arizona** » MLB Network (joined in progress)
7 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers** » ESPN

NBA FINALS

8 p.m.	**Game 2: Miami at Denver** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

WNBA

1 p.m.	**Dallas at Connecticut** » NBA TV
2 p.m.	**Commissioner's Cup: Chicago at New York** » CBS Sports Network
4 p.m.	**Las Vegas at Indiana** » CBS Sports Network

AUTO RACING

9 a.m.	**Formula One: Spanish Grand Prix** » ESPN2
3:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: Enjoy Illinois 300** » Fox Sports 1
3:30 p.m.	**IndyCar Series: Detroit Grand Prix** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: European Open, final round** » Golf Channel
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2:30 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Memorial Tournament, final round** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
2:30 p.m.	**PGA Tour Champions: Principal Charity Classic, final round** » Golf Channel
5 p.m.	**LPGA Tour: Americas Open, final round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

Noon	**Turkish Super Lig: Fenerbahce at Galatasaray** » beIN Sports
4:45 p.m.	**FIFA Under-20 Men's World Cup, quarterfinal: United States vs. Uruguay** » Fox Sports 2
6 p.m.	**NWSL: San Diego at Gotham FC** » CBS Sports Network
9 p.m.	**Concacaf Champions League final, second leg: Léon at Los Angeles FC** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: French Open, round of 16** » Tennis Channel
Noon	**ATP/WTA: French Open, round of 16** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

USFL

1 p.m.	**Memphis vs. New Jersey** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
4 p.m.	**Michigan vs. New Orleans** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)

NCAA BASEBALL REGIONALS

Noon	**Teams TBD** » ESPN
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COLLEGE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

3 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
7 p.m.	**Teams TBD** » ESPN2


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FRENCH OPEN ROUNDUP

Russia's Andreeva, 16, cruises into the third round

Associated Press

PARIS — Mirra Andreeva is the latest teen sensation in tennis, a 16-year-old Russian who is the youngest player to win a match in the women's main draw at the French Open since 2005.

Do the math: That's before she was born.

The 143rd-ranked Andreeva made her way through qualifying rounds last week without dropping a set to earn her debut berth in the women's bracket at a Grand Slam tournament — and she still is making things look easy at Roland Garros. A 6-1, 6-2 victory over Diane Parry of France in 77 minutes on Thursday put her in the third round; that followed a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Alison Riske-Amritraj of the United States that lasted 56 minutes.


CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

Mirra Andreeva committed only 15 unforced errors in her 6-1, 6-2 rout of Diane Parry of France. Next up is sixth-seeded Coco Gauff.

Next up will be a contest against 2022 French Open runner-up Coco Gauff, who beat Julia Grabher, 6-2, 6-3. Gauff, a 19-year-old American, is seeded sixth and made her initial breakthrough by beating Venus Williams en route to the fourth round at Wimbledon at age 14.

Gauff is one of just 12 seeded women left in the field, the fewest to reach the third round at Roland Garros since the number of seeds expanded to 32 in 2002.

Andreeva and Gauff have practiced together, but that won't mean much Saturday.

"The practice and the match is different, so I might also play different," Andreeva said. "I don't know. Who knows?"

She has played terrifically clean tennis, including making a total of 15 unforced errors to 38 for Parry and winning 14 of 21 points that lasted at least nine strokes.

"Really solid for her age. She did everything better than me today," said the 79th-ranked Parry, who made it to the third round at two majors last season. "She doesn't miss a lot. Like nothing. You never have an easy point. It's always a long rally."

Before arriving in Paris, Andreeva showed what she could do by eliminating three players ranked in the top 40 at the clay-court Madrid Open.

She was asked Thursday during a news conference filled with one-liners: What's the secret to success at such a young age?

"Maybe, as my coach says, to not be like diva. To stay humble all the time," said Andreeva, whose older sister, Erika, lost in the first round at Roland Garros this week.

And then Andreeva demonstrated what she meant by disputing the very premise of the question.

"I don't think that I have a lot of success now," she said, resting her cheek on her right hand. "I didn't win any tournaments. I just play."

Alrighty, then.

Yes, Andreeva has lofty aims. Asked to define what her dreams are in her sport, she mentioned that Novak Djokovic has 22 Grand Slam titles.

"So I want to go," Andreeva said, "until 25."

Out of the mouths of babes, eh?

Andreeva is supposed to occupy herself with homework for her online courses — "Chemistry is so bad," came the lament — and a reporter wanted to know how she spends her idle moment.

"I don't have any hobbies. I think I'm like a usual teenager. I love to watch some TV series when I have free time," Andreeva said, before offering one of a handful of punchlines over the course of her news conference: "I also have to do my school, but let's be honest, I don't do it sometimes."

In the match before Andreeva's at Court Simonne Mathieu, another qualifier made it to the third round when Kayla Day, a Californian ranked 138th, knocked out No. 20 Madison Keys, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Keys, the runner-up at the 2017 U.S. Open and a semifinalist at the 2018 French Open, made 74 unforced errors, 51 more than Day.

Day, 23, is playing in a major tournament for the first time since 2017 after a litany of injuries — she listed a torn thigh muscle, a fractured foot, torn hip labrums and a bout with mononucleosis.

"Every time I tried coming back, it just felt like something else would happen," said Day, who won the girls' title at the 2016 U.S. Open. She beat French wild card Kristina Mladenovic in the first round.

The exits by seeded women continued with Bernarda Pera defeating No. 22 Donna Vekic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Elena Rybakina, last year's Wimbledon champion and the No. 4 seed, beat 18-year-old Linda Noskova, 6-3, 6-3.

Top-seeded Iga Swiatek and No. 7 Ons Jabeur won their second-round matches in straight sets.

On the men's side, two-time major finalist Casper Ruud, the No. 4 seed, advanced to the third round after beating Italy's Giulio Zeppieri, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

Hyattsville native Frances Tiafoe, the 12th seed, dropped the first set before beating Aslan Karatsev, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.


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"I'm a great mover," Coco Gauff said of her success on clay after a 6-2, 6-3 win over Julia Grabher gave her a 13-3 French Open record.

Gauff waits and waits before she wins

FRENCH OPEN FROM **D1**

Sinner breezed. They got to Sinner serving for the match at 5-4 and deuce and then match point in the fourth.

They got berserk.

Sinner primed to win. He spiced a 10-shot point with a gnarly forehand to the corner. He fielded Altmaier's defensive lob. He let it bounce and smashed an overhead near the middle of the court. He watched Altmaier dig it out and nudge it forward, and he prepped to volley it to an ending, except it ticked the net cord, tricked his racket and hopped on by. "I think each point in tennis has its own story," Altmaier would say later, "and I think that's how that match point went, yeah."

Gauff and Grabher waited. Sinner had another match point two points later. Gauff and Grabher waited. Sinner and Altmaier roamed into a tiebreaker and 3-3 in there before Altmaier won 7-4 to cause a fifth set. Gauff and Grabher waited.

Asked whether she screamed, Gauff said she screamed but was joking. "Yeah, watch the match, to be honest," she said. "We're sitting there all in the gym waiting, and then when a set is over, you go back [to the practice court]. I almost fell asleep in the middle of the fifth."

The middle of the fifth took its winding road to where Altmaier served for the match at 5-4, Sinner led 15-40, Altmaier got it to deuce and Sinner broke anyway, whereupon Sinner served at 5-5 and Altmaier broke Sinner at 15, whereupon Altmaier served for the match at 6-5 and went ahead 40-love, whereupon Sinner rallied to deuce, whereupon the place became a madhouse with the crowd chanting both names.

That last game, the one at deuce, included 16 points, five match points for Altmaier, three break points for Sinner, Sinner making a pose after a gasp of a forehand pass off an Altmaier overhead on the fourth match point and Sinner throwing his racket to the clay after fumbling one of the three break points. Altmaier won, 6-7 (7-0), 7-6 (9-7), 1-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5, and the crowd cheered Altmaier for so long before his on-court interview that he went ahead and did what any rational person would do.

He sobbed.

"I just love the game of tennis," he eventually told the crowd.

"What happened . . .?" a question began later to Sinner.

"Yeah, what happened, that's a good question," Sinner said.

By now, Gauff ranks sixth in the world. She stands 13-3 in French Open matches, including that run to the final last year when she expected so much of herself that she wept even after losing to a No. 1 player (Iga Swiatek) on a historic winning streak. Gauff manages the clay with such aplomb, her shots hurrying to corners with exemplary oomph and her mind so considerable, that three-time French Open champion Mats Wilander asked her on-court whether she grew up with clay, and Gauff said: "No. I'm a true American. I grew up on the hard courts," before saying she started coming to France at age 10 to train at Patrick Mouratoglou's famed academy.

"That's where my love of clay started," she said. Even when it's dry like now with this dry spring in Paris, she doesn't mind: "I feel used to it, honestly. I think I'm a great mover. I adjust pretty well to the conditions."

It's just that sometimes in tennis, of all sports, there's uncertainty about *getting to the* court you fancy.

"I was, like, I wish I could see the future because I probably would have taken a nap in the fourth, but obviously, you don't," Gauff said. "Then the eating part for me is the hardest because you don't want to eat like a full meal if you're thinking you're going to go on in 10 minutes, but obviously that 10 minutes can turn into 30, then 30 to two hours. So I'm really just snacking the whole time. That's why on the changeovers I try to eat a lot too. Two bites here and there" — a fruit salad her father, Corey, makes — "just to make sure I stay fueled for the whole match."

She moves from that puzzle to a different one, to a qualifier, Mirra Andreeva of Russia, born in 2007. The secret to making the third round at Roland Garros at age 16, Andreeva said, is "maybe, as my coach says, to not be like diva, to stay humble all the time."

Two non-divas collide. "I guess," Gauff said, "I've never thought about my age, to be honest. So yeah, I've played a couple of [younger] people — I think two times. This will be my third time playing someone younger than me. Yeah, honestly, the first two times I didn't even think about it, because when you step on the court, you just see your opponent, and you don't really think about the personal side of things. You just see forehand, backhand, serve, all the same."

Sometimes you even get a convenient schedule.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED CELTICS, 4-3
Game 1: Miami 123, at Boston 116
Game 2: Miami 111, at Boston 105
Game 3: at Miami 128, Boston 102
Game 4: Boston 116, at Miami 99
Game 5: at Boston 110, Miami 97
Game 6: Boston 104, at Miami 103
Game 7: Miami 103, at Boston 84

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED LAKERS, 4-0
Game 1: at Denver 132, L.A. Lakers 126
Game 2: at Denver 108, L.A. Lakers 103
Game 3: Denver 119, at L.A. Lakers 108
Game 4: Denver 113, at L.A. Lakers 111

NBA FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

NUGGETS LEAD HEAT, 1-0
Game 1: at Denver 104, Miami 93
Sunday's game: Miami at Denver, 8, ABC
Wednesday's game: Denver at Miami, 8:30, ABC
Friday, June 9: Denver at Miami, 8:30, ABC
x-Monday, June 12: Miami at Denver, 8:30, ABC
x-Thursday, June 15: Denver at Miami, 8:30, ABC
x-Sunday, June 18: Miami at Denver, 8, ABC

Nuggets 104, Heat 93

Miami	20	22	21	30	— 93
Denver	29	30	25	20	— 104

MIAMI	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Butler	38:01	6-14	0-0	3-7	7	1	13
Martin	24:34	1-7	0-0	1-4	0	3	3
Adebayo	39:57	13-25	0-0	4-13	5	4	26
Strus	21:01	0-10	0-0	0-5	3	0	0
Vincent	37:42	7-14	0-0	1-2	5	1	19
Lowry	25:34	4-8	0-0	0-5	5	1	11
Highsmith	23:23	7-10	2-2	1-2	0	2	18
Robinson	21:09	1-6	0-0	0-1	1	2	3
Zeller	7:29	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	1	0
Jovic	0:32	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Yurtseven	0:32	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	240	39-96	2-2	11-43	26	15	93

Percentages: FG .406, FT 1.000. **3-Point Goals:** 13-39, .333 (Vincent 5-10, Lowry 3-6, Highsmith 2-4, Butler 1-2, Martin 1-2, Robinson 1-5, Adebayo 0-1, Strus 0-9). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Butler, Highsmith, Martin, Vincent). **Turnovers:** 8 (Lowry 2, Adebayo, Butler, Highsmith, Robinson, Vincent, Zeller). **Steals:** 5 (Highsmith 2, Butler, Lowry, Martin). **Technical Fouls:** None.

DENVER	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Gordon	36:05	7-10	2-2	2-6	1	0	16
Porter Jr.	43:04	5-15	2-2	2-13	1	0	14
Jokic	40:26	8-12	10-12	0-10	14	1	27
Caldwell-Pope	36:27	3-8	0-2	1-3	0	2	7
Murray	44:04	11-22	2-2	1-6	10	2	26
Brown	20:45	4-7	0-0	0-5	2	1	10
Green	10:57	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	0	4
Braun	8:11	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	0
TOTALS	240	40-78	16-20	6-45	29	8	104

Percentages: FG .513, FT .800. **3-Point Goals:** 8-27, .296 (Brown 2-3, Murray 2-7, Porter Jr. 2-11, Jokic 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-3, Gordon 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Porter Jr. 2, Gordon, Jokic). **Turnovers:** 10 (Brown 3, Murray 3, Jokic 2, Braun, Caldwell-Pope). **Steals:** 4 (Brown, Caldwell-Pope, Jokic, Murray). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 19,528 (19,520).

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	5	1	.833	—
New York	3	1	.750	1
Chicago	3	2	.600	1½
Atlanta	2	2	.500	2
Washington	2	2	.500	2
Indiana	1	3	.250	3

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	4	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	1	.750	1
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2½
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	2½
Seattle	0	3	.000	3½
Minnesota	0	6	.000	5

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Connecticut 89, at Minnesota 84

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Washington, 7
New York at Chicago, 6
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7:30
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Washington, 7
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Connecticut, 1
Chicago at New York, 2
Las Vegas at Indiana, 4

MONDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Connecticut, 7
Indiana at Chicago, 8
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10

Sun 89, Lynx 84

CONNECTICUT	27	20	22	20	— 89
MINNESOTA	24	23	12	25	— 84

CONNECTICUT: Bonner 5-16 1-1 13, Thomas 8-15 0-0 16, Jones 4-7 4-4 12, Hayes 4-8 0-0 9, Hiedeman 7-13 3-3 19, Carrington 3-3 1-2 7, Nelson-Ododa 1-2 1-1 3, Harris 1-3 0-0 2, R.Allen 3-4 0-0 8. **Totals** 36-71 10-11 89.

MINNESOTA: Collier 10-18 7-7 30, Shepard 4-8 3-4 11, Juhász 2-4 2-4 7, McBride 3-11 6-7 12, Mitchell 4-9 4-4 12, Carleton 1-4 0-0 3, Powers 0-2 0-0 0, Banham 3-4 0-0 9, L.Allen 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 27-60 22-26 84.

Three-point Goals: Connecticut 7-23 (R.Allen 2-2, Bonner 2-7, Hiedeman 2-7, Hayes 1-5, Harris 0-2), Minnesota 8-19 (Banham 3-3, Collier 3-6, Juhász 1-1, Carleton 1-3, Mitchell 0-1, McBride 0-5). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Connecticut 29 (Thomas 9), Minnesota 32 (Shepard 12). **Assists:** Connecticut 27 (Thomas 16), Minnesota 16 (Collier, Shepard 4). **Total Fouls:** Connecticut 18, Minnesota 18. **A:** 8,124 (19,356)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Women's College World Series

Double elimination; x-If necessary.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: Tennessee 10, Alabama 5
Game 2: Oklahoma 2, Stanford 0
Game 3: Florida State vs. Oklahoma State, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 4: Washington vs. Utah, TBD
Game 5: Alabama vs. Stanford, 7
Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 9:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 7: Tennessee vs. Oklahoma, 3
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 3
Game 10: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 7

MONDAY'S GAMES
Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, noon
x-Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2:30
Game 13: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7
x-Game 14: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9:30

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
JUNE 7-9
Best of three.

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED HURRICANES, 4-0
Game 1: Florida 3, at Carolina 2 (4OT)
Game 2: Florida 2, at Carolina 1 (OT)
Game 3: at Florida 1, Carolina 0
Game 4: at Florida 4, Carolina 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED STARS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 4, Dallas 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Vegas 3, Dallas 2 (OT)
Game 3: Vegas 4, at Dallas 0
Game 4: at Dallas 3, Vegas 2 (OT)
Game 5: Dallas 4, at Vegas 2
Game 6: Vegas 6, at Dallas 0

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

PANTHERS VS. GOLDEN KNIGHTS
Saturday's game: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT
Monday's game: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT
Thursday's game: Vegas at Florida, 8, TNT
Saturday, June 10: Vegas at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, June 13: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT
x-Friday, June 16: Vegas at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Monday, June 19: Florida at Vegas, 8, TNT

TENNIS

French Open

At Stade Roland Garros; in Paris
Purse: $24,778,702
Surface: Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES — SECOND ROUND
Holger Rune (6), Denmark, def. Gael Monfils, France, walkover; Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Argentina, def. Alex de Minaur (18), Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3; Casper Ruud (4), Norway, def. Giulio Zeppieri, Italy, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; Borna Coric (15), Croatia, def. Pedro Cachin, Argentina, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Yoshihito Nishioka (27), Japan, def. Max Purcell, Australia, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4; Grigor Dimitrov (28), Bulgaria, def. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4; Zhang Zhizhen, China, def. Thiago Agustin Tirante, Argentina, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, 6-4; Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Frances Tiafoe (12), United States, def. Aslan Karatsev, Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2; Daniel Altmaier, Germany, def. Jannik Sinner (8), Italy, 6-7 (7-0), 7-6 (9-7), 1-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5; Marcos Giron, United States, def. Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; Genaro Alberto Olivieri, Argentina, def. Andrea Vavassori, Italy, 7-6 (9-7), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Nicolas Jarry, Chile, def. Tommy Paul (16), United States, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5; Francisco Cerundolo (23), Argentina, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; Alexander Zverev (22), Germany, def. Alex Molcan, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1; Taylor Fritz (9), United States, def. Arthur Rinderknech, France, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4

WOMEN'S SINGLES — SECOND ROUND
Elena Rybakina (4), Kazakhstan, def. Linda Noskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3; Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-1; Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova, Slovakia, def. Aliona Bolsova, Spain, 6-3, 6-4; Kayla Day, United States, def. Madison Keys (20), United States, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Beatriz Haddad Maia (14), Brazil, def. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Italy, def. Simona Waltert, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-3; Wang Xinyu, China, def. Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; Mirra Andreeva, Russia, def. Diane Parry, France, 6-1, 6-2; Bernarda Pera, United States, def. Donna Vekic (22), Croatia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Ekaterina Alexandrova (23), Russia, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 6-2, 6-0; Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, def. Claire Liu, United States, 6-4, 6-0; Ons Jabeur (7), Tunisia, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 6-2, 6-3; Olga Danilovic, Serbia, def. Jasmine Paolini, Italy, 6-2, 7-5; Coco Gauff (6), United States, def. Julia Grabher, Austria, 6-2, 6-3; Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 6-3, 1-0, ret; Bianca Andreescu, Canada, def. Emma Navarro, United States, 6-1, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES — FIRST ROUND
Roberto Carballes Baena and Jaume Munar, Spain, def. Raven Klaasen and Lloyd Harris, South Africa, 7-5, 6-2; Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, and Andreas Mies (12), Germany, def. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, and Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-1; Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zielinski (7), Poland, def. Richard Gasquet and Lucas Pouille, France, 6-4, 6-2; Roman Jebavy, Czech Republic, and Luis David Martinez, Venezuela, def. Thiago Monteiro, Brazil, and Juan Pablo Varillas, Peru, 6-2, 7-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES — SECOND ROUND
Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Jamie Murray (13), Britain, def. Robert Farah and Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, 6-1, 7-5; Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (10), Argentina, def. Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-0, 6-3; Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Marcelo Arevalo-Gonzalez (3), El Salvador, def. Nicolas Barrientos, Colombia, and Robert Galloway, United States, 6-2, 6-2; Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Lloyd Glasspool (5), Britain, def. Ilya Ivashka, Belarus, and Alexei Popyrin, Australia, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico, def. Ariel Behar, Uruguay, and Adam Pavlasek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia, France, def. Theo Arribage and Luca Sanchez, France, 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — FIRST ROUND
Ingrid Martins, Brazil, and Iryna Shymanovich, Belarus, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Anhelina Kalinina, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4; Alycia Parks and Peyton Stearns, United States, def. Andrea Gamiz, Venezuela, and Anastasia Detiuc, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4; Marketa Vondrousova and Miriam Kolodziejova, Czech Republic, def. Estelle Cascino and Carole Monnet, France, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; Veronika Kudermetova and Liudmila Samsonova (15), Russia, def. Lidziya Marozava, Belarus, and Rebeka Masarova, Spain, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-2; Greet Minnen, Belgium, and Anna Bondar, Hungary, def. Mayar Sherif, Egypt, and Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4; Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, and Marta Kostyuk (13), Ukraine, def. Anna Blinkova and Varvara Gracheva, Russia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Aldila Sutjiadi, Indonesia, and Miyu Kato (16), Japan, def. Caroline Dolehide, United States, and Jule Niemeier, Germany, 6-2, 6-0; Zhang Shuai, China, and Kristina Mladenovic (9), France, def. Viktoriya Tomova, Bulgaria, and Natela Dzalamidze, Russia, 6-2, 6-1; Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, and Jelena Ostapenko (4), Latvia, def. Leolia Jeanjean and Elsa Jacquemot, France, 6-3, 6-1; Xu Yifan and Zhaoxuan Yang (11), China, def. Rebecca Marino, Canada, and Zhu Lin, China, 7-5, 7-5; Taylor Townsend, United States, and Leylah Annie Fernandez (10), Canada, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Sara Errani, Italy, 7-5, 7-6 (7-3); Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Wang Xinyu, China, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, and Kamilla Rakhimova, Russia, 6-0, 6-3; Timea Babos, Hungary, and Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Makoto Ninomiya, Japan, 6-1, 6-1; Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (7), Japan, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova and Anastasia Potapova, Russia, 7-5, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES — SECOND ROUND
Elixane Lechemia and Albano Olivetti, France, def. Austin Krajicek and Jessica Pegula (1), United States, 5-7, 6-3, 10-7; Tim Puetz, Germany, and Miyu Kato, Japan, def. Hugo Gaston and Clara Burel, France, 6-3, 6-2; Marcelo Arevalo-Gonzalez, El Salvador, and Marta Kostyuk (7), Ukraine, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Andres Molteni, Argentina, 6-2, 6-4; Rafael Matos and Luisa Stefani, Brazil, def. Diane Parry and Harold Mayot, France, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 15-13; Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Zhang Shuai (8), China, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin and Alize Cornet, France, 7-5, 3-6, 10-6.

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Buffalo Bills: Signed OT Brandon Shell. Released DT Brandyn Bryant.
Denver Broncos: Signed TE Tommy Hudson. Waived RB Jacques Patrick.
Indianapolis Colts: Signed DE Genard Avery. Waived RB Darius Hagans.
Los Angeles Chargers: Signed WR Darrius Shepherd.
Minnesota Vikings: Placed TE Ben Ellefson on the reserve/retired list.
New York Giants: Named Ryan Cowden executive advisor to the general manager and Isaiah Wingfield scouting assistant.
Seattle Seahawks: Signed CBs Montrae Braswell and Benjie Franklin. Waived RB Chris Smith. Waived DT LaTrell Bumphus with an injury designation.

MLS

Philadelphia Union: Signed M Jose Martinez to a two-year contract.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	11	1	3	36	25	15
Nashville	8	3	4	28	22	10
Philadelphia	8	4	3	27	24	15
New England	7	3	5	26	25	20
Atlanta	6	4	6	24	32	28
Columbus	6	6	3	21	29	22
Charlotte FC	6	7	3	21	20	26
D.C. United	5	6	5	20	22	20
Orlando City	5	4	5	20	17	17
CF Montréal	6	8	1	19	15	24
New York	4	5	7	19	11	13
Chicago	3	4	8	17	21	24
Toronto FC	3	5	8	17	15	19
New York City FC	4	7	4	16	17	22
Inter Miami CF	5	10	0	15	14	19

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	8	6	2	26	21	14
St. Louis City SC	8	4	1	25	29	14
Los Angeles FC	7	1	4	25	23	10
FC Dallas	6	4	5	23	18	16
San Jose	6	5	4	22	19	19
Vancouver	5	5	5	20	25	19
Minnesota United	5	6	4	19	14	17
Austin FC	5	6	4	19	16	21
Houston	5	6	3	18	15	18
Portland	4	7	4	16	19	24
Sporting KC	4	8	4	16	15	23
Real Salt Lake	4	7	4	16	16	26
LA Galaxy	3	9	3	12	13	26
Colorado	2	8	6	12	14	25

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Toronto FC 2, D.C. United 1
at CF Montréal 1, Miami 0
Chicago 3, at New England 3
Philadelphia 3, at New York City FC 1
Atlanta 1, at Orlando City 1
at Houston 2, Austin FC 1
Real Salt Lake 1, at Minnesota 1
at St. Louis City SC 3, Vancouver 1
Cincinnati 1, at Colorado 0
Charlotte FC 1, at LA Galaxy 0
FC Dallas 1, at San Jose 1
at Seattle 1, New York 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Sporting KC 4, Portland 1
at Nashville 3, Columbus 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
CF Montréal 2, at D.C. United 2
New England 3, at Atlanta 3
at Columbus 3, Colorado 2
New York 1, at Miami 0
Cincinnati 3, at New York City FC 1
at Philadelphia 1, Charlotte FC 0
Chicago 0, at Toronto FC 0
at Austin FC 2, Minnesota 1
at Sporting KC 2, FC Dallas 1
LA Galaxy 3, at Real Salt Lake 2
San Jose 1, at Seattle 0
at Vancouver 6, Houston 2
St. Louis City SC at Los Angeles FC ppd.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Miami, 7:30
New England at New York City FC, 3:30
Portland at Seattle, 4:30
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Columbus, 7:30
Orlando City at New York, 7:30
CF Montréal at Philadelphia, 7:30
Real Salt Lake at Austin FC, 8:30
Nashville at FC Dallas, 8:30
Toronto FC at Minnesota, 8:30
Houston at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
San Jose at Colorado, 9:30
Atlanta at Los Angeles FC ppd.
Sporting KC at Vancouver, 10:30

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Atlanta at Los Angeles FC, 10:30

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
D.C. United at Atlanta, 7:30
Seattle at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Minnesota at CF Montréal, 7:30
Miami at New England, 7:30
Colorado at Orlando City, 7:30
Nashville at Toronto FC, 7:30
Columbus at Chicago, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at Houston, 8:30
Austin FC at Sporting KC, 8:30
New York City FC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Philadelphia at San Jose, 10:30
Cincinnati at Vancouver, 10:30

SUNDAY, JUNE 10
LA Galaxy at St. Louis City SC, 1
FC Dallas at Portland, 10

Red Bulls 1, Inter Miami CF 0
Late Wednesday

NEW YORK	0	1	1
MIAMI	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, New York Red Bulls, Barlow, 2, 52nd minute.
Goalies: New York Red Bulls, Carlos Miguel, Ryan Meara; Miami, Drake Callender, Nick Marsman.
Yellow Cards: Duncan, New York Red Bulls, 9th; Harper, New York Red Bulls, 61st; Miller, Miami, 70th; Reyes, New York Red Bulls, 71st.
New York Red Bulls, Carlos Miguel; Kyle Duncan (Cameron Harper, 57th), Sean Nealis, Andres Reyes, John Tolkin; Frankie Amaya (Cristian Casseres Jr, 46th), Wikelman Carmona (Tom Barlow, 46th), Luquinhas (Lewis Morgan, 62nd), Peter Stroud; Cory Burke, Dante Vanzeir (Dru Yearwood, 74th).
Miami, Drake Callender; Sergey Krivtsov (Harvey James Neville, 90th), Kamal Miller, Franco Negri, DeAndre Yedlin; Dixon Arroyo, Benjamin Cremaschi (Shanyder Borgelin, 80th), David Ruiz (Ian Fray, 58th), Nicolas Stefanelli (Robert Taylor, 58th); Leonardo Campana (Edison Azcona, 80th), Josef Martinez.

Austin FC 2, Minnesota United 1
Late Wednesday

MINNESOTA	1	0	1
AUSTIN FC	1	1	2

First Half: 1, Austin FC, Gallagher, 5 (Lundqvist), 19th minute; 2, Minnesota, Rosales, 1 (Garcia), 26th.
Second Half: 3, Austin FC, Driussi, 3 (Cascante), 82nd.
Goalies: Minnesota, Dayne St. Clair, Eric Dick, Clinton Irwin; Austin FC, Bradley Stuver, Matt Bersano.
Yellow Cards: Gallagher, Austin FC, 90th.
A: 20,738.
Minnesota, Dayne St. Clair; Michael Boxall, Kemar Lawrence (Zarek Valentin, 54th), D.J. Taylor; Hassani Dotson, Joseph Rosales (Kervin Arriaga, 77th), Miguel Tapias, Wil Trapp; Franco Fragapane (Cameron Dunbar, 77th), Mender Garcia (Sang-bin Jeong, 61st), Bongokuhle Hlongwane.
Austin FC, Bradley Stuver; Julio Cascante, Nicholas Lima, Adam Lundqvist; Sofiane Djeffal (Jhojan Valencia, 78th), Diego Fagundez (Emiliano Rigoni, 61st), Ethan Finlay (Sebastian Driussi, 61st), Daniel Pereira, Alexander Ring (Aleksandar Radovanovic, 46th); Jon Gallagher, Gyasi Zardes (Maximiliano Urruti, 61st).

Whitecaps 6, Dynamo 2
Late Wednesday

HOUSTON	2	0	2
VANCOUVER	2	4	6

First Half: 1, Vancouver, Vite, 3 (White), 1st minute; 2, Houston, Baird, 1 (Carrasquilla), 8th; 3, Houston, Bassi, 6 (Steres), 16th; 4, Vancouver, Gressel, 2 (Gauld), 18th.
Second Half: 5, Vancouver, White, 6, 46th; 6, Vancouver, Gressel, 3, 59th; 7, Vancouver, Berhalter, 1, 88th; 8, Vancouver, Gauld, 1 (Berhalter), 90th+5.
Goalies: Houston, Steve Clark, Andrew Tarbell; Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka, Isaac Boehmer.
Yellow Cards: Gressel, Vancouver, 41st; Micael, Houston, 66th; Carrasquilla, Houston, 69th; Laborda, Vancouver, 70th; Cordova, Vancouver, 79th; Clark, Houston, 85th.
Red Cards: Quinones, Houston, 69th.
Houston, Steve Clark; Ethan Bartlow, Franco Escobar, Micael, Daniel Steres (Erik Sviatchenko, 79th); Artur (Luis Caicedo, 79th), Corey Baird (Nelson Quinones, 63rd), Adalberto Carrasquilla, Hector Herrera (Ivan Franco, 89th); Ibrahim Aliyu (Thorleifur Ulfarsson, 64th), Amine Bassi.
Vancouver, Yohei Takaoka; Tristan Blackmon, Javain Brown (Ranko Veselinovic, 46th), Julian Gressel (Russell Teibert, 73rd), Mathias Laborda, Luis Martins; Andres Cubas, Ryan Gauld, Alessandro Schopf (Sebastian Berhalter, 63rd), Pedro Vite (Deiber Caicedo, 78th); Brian White (Sergio Cordova, 72nd).

Sporting KC 2, FC Dallas 1
Late Wednesday

DALLAS	0	1	1
SPORTING KC	1	1	2

First Half: 1, Sporting KC, Kinda, 2 (Salloi), 41st minute.
Second Half: 2, Sporting KC, Salloi, 4 (Kinda), 60th; 3, Dallas, Ferreira, 9 (Quignon), 90th+1.
Goalies: Dallas, James Maurer, Maarten Paes; Sporting KC, Kendall McIntosh, John Pulskamp.
Yellow Cards: Ndenbe, Sporting KC, 37th; Cerrillo, Dallas, 90th+3.
A: 17,178.
Dallas, James Maurer; Marco Farfan, Sebastien Ibeagha, Nolan Norris (Geovane Jesus, 55th), Collin Smith (Facundo Quignon, 56th), Nkosi Tafari; Edwin Cerrillo; Jesus Ferreira, Jesus Jimenez (Jose Daniel Mulato, 71st), Jader Obrian (Herbert Endeley, 83rd), Alan Velasco (Bernard Kamungo, 83rd).
Sporting KC, Kendall McIntosh; Andreu Fontas, Logan Ndenbe (Tim Leibold, 64th), Dany Rosero (Robert Castellanos, 63rd); Jake Davis (Graham Zusi, 46th, Khiry Shelton, 70th), Gadi Kinda (Remi Walter, 63rd), Nemanja Radoja, Erik Thommy; Alan Pulido, Daniel Salloi, Marinos Tzionis.

Fire 0, Toronto FC 0
Late Wednesday

CHICAGO	0	0	0
TORONTO FC	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: None.
Goalies: Chicago, Christopher Brady, Spencer Richey; Toronto FC, Sean Johnson, Tomas Romero.
Yellow Cards: Navarro, Chicago, 34th; Kaye, Toronto FC, 45th+4.
Chicago, Christopher Brady (Spencer Richey, 31st); Kendall Burks, Rafael Czichos, Miguel Navarro (Daniel Aceves, 77th), Arnaud Souquet; Gaston Gimenez (Fabian Herbers, 77th), Maren Haile-Selassie (Jairo Torres, 90th), Federico Navarro, Xherdan Shaqiri; Kei Kamara (Kacper Przybylko, 64th), Georgios Koutsias (Brian Gutierrez, 47th).
Toronto FC, Sean Johnson; Kobe Franklin, Matt Hedges, Richie Laryea, Aime Mabika; Federico Bernardeschi (Hugo Mbongue, 85th), Mark-Anthony Kaye, Kosi Thompson (Brandon Servania, 60th); Lorenzo Insigne, Deandre Kerr (C.J. Sapong, 60th), Jahkeele Marshall-Rutty (Jordan Perruzza, 85th).

Earthquakes 1, Sounders 0
Late Wednesday

SAN JOSE	0	1	1
SEATTLE	0	0	0

First Half: None.
Second Half: 1, San Jose, Ebobisse, 6 (Rodrigues), 48th minute.
Goalies: San Jose, Daniel, JT Marcinkowski; Seattle, Stefan Frei, Stefan Cleveland.
Yellow Cards: Roldan, Seattle, 19th; Ragen, Seattle, 43rd; Marie, San Jose, 66th; Yueill, San Jose, 77th; Atencio, Seattle, 86th.
San Jose, Daniel; Tanner Beason, Paul Marie (Daniel Munie, 72nd), Rodrigues, Miguel Trauco; Cristian Espinoza, Carlos Gruezo, Jamiro Monteiro (Ousseni Bouda, 89th), Jackson Yueill (Michael Baldisimo, 89th); Jeremy Ebobisse, Benjamin Kikanovic (Tommy Thompson, 72nd).
Seattle, Stefan Frei; Xavier Arreaga, Jackson Ragen, Nouhou Tolo (Kelyn Rowe, 73rd); Josh Atencio, Leo Chu, Nicolas Lodeiro, Alex Roldan, Albert Rusnak (Fredy Montero, 73rd); Heber (Raul Ruidiaz, 58th), Dylan Teves (Reed Baker-Whiting, 58th).

Galaxy 3, Real Salt Lake 2
Late Wednesday

LOS ANGELES	1	2	3
REAL SALT LAKE	0	2	2

First Half: 1, Los Angeles Galaxy, Brugman, 1 (penalty kick), 45th+4 minute.
Second Half: 2, Real Salt Lake, Musovski, 2 (Savarino), 51st; 3, Real Salt Lake, Ruiz, 3, 67th; 4, Los Angeles Galaxy, Rodriguez, 1 (Puig), 72nd; 5, Los Angeles Galaxy, Boyd, 2 (Calegari), 74th.
Goalies: Los Angeles Galaxy, Jonathan Bond, Novak Micovic; Real Salt Lake, Gavin Beavers, Tomas Gomez.
Yellow Cards: Gomez, Real Salt Lake, 54th; Musovski, Real Salt Lake, 57th; Brody, Real Salt Lake, 64th; Edwards, Los Angeles Galaxy, 66th; Ruiz, Real Salt Lake, 82nd.
A: 17,762.
Los Angeles Galaxy, Jonathan Bond; Julian Aude (Raheem Edwards, 58th), Martin Caceres, Jalen Neal; Efrain Alvarez (Tyler Boyd, 46th), Gaston Brugman, Calegari (Eriq Zavaleta, 84th), Marky Delgado, Riqui Puig; Dejan Joveljic (Kelvin Leerdam, 80th), Gino Vivi (Memo Rodriguez, 58th).
Real Salt Lake, Gavin Beavers; Andrew Brody, Marcelo Silva, Brayan Vera; Emeka Eneli, Andres Gomez (Maikel Chang, 80th), Damir Kreilach (Bertin Jacquesson, 79th), Braian Ojeda, Pablo Ruiz, Jefferson Savarino; Danny Musovski (Anderson Julio, 80th).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	5	2	2	17	12	8
Portland	4	1	4	16	23	11
OL Reign	5	3	1	16	17	11
San Diego	5	3	1	16	16	11
Washington	4	1	4	16	12	8
North Carolina	4	3	2	14	10	10
Houston	3	3	3	12	7	9
Louisville	2	3	4	10	12	11
Orlando	3	5	1	10	7	13
Angel City	2	4	3	9	12	17
Chicago	2	6	1	7	12	22
Kansas City	2	7	0	6	9	18

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 2, at Kansas City 0
Portland 1, at San Diego 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at OL Reign 4, Angel City 1
North Carolina 2, at Louisville 1
at Chicago 1, Orlando 0

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Gotham FC 1, at Washington 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Louisville at Washington, 8
Portland at OL Reign, 8
Orlando at Houston, 8:30
North Carolina at Kansas City, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
San Diego at Gotham FC, 6

MONDAY'S MATCH
Chicago at Angel City, 10

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
San Diego at Louisville, 8

PRO FOOTBALL

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	143	171
Michigan	3	4	0	.429	121	152
New Jersey	2	5	0	.286	128	128
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	.286	113	145

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Birmingham	5	2	0	.714	195	137
Memphis	4	3	0	.571	142	139
New Orleans	4	3	0	.571	165	151
Houston	4	3	0	.571	178	162

WEEK 7
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Birmingham 24, at New Orleans 20
Philadelphia 37, at Pittsburgh 31

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Memphis 23, Houston 20
Michigan 25, at New Jersey 22

WEEK 8
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Houston at Pittsburgh, noon
Philadelphia at Birmingham, 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Memphis at New Jersey, 1
Michigan at New Orleans, 4

WEEK 9
SATURDAY, JUNE 10
Michigan at Pittsburgh, noon
New Orleans at Memphis, 3

SUNDAY, JUNE 10
Birmingham at Houston, 2
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7

WEEK 10
SATURDAY, JUNE 17
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 1
Birmingham at Memphis, 4

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
New Orleans at Houston, 4
Philadelphia at Michigan, 7

REGULAR SEASON ENDS

PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY, JUNE 24
TBD vs. TBD, 8, NBC

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
TBD vs. TBD, 8, FOX

USFL CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY, JULY 1
TBD vs. TBD, 8, NBC

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS' LACROSSE
VIRGINIA
State quarterfinal: Robinson 8, Yorktown 6

BASEBALL
VIRGINIA
Region 5D championship: Independence 1, Riverbend 0
Region 6B championship: Freedom (South Riding) 4, Colgan 2
Region championship: Caroline 4, Brentsville 3 (12)

SOFTBALL
VIRGINIA
Region 3B championship: Brentsville 10, Skyline 9
Region 5D championship: Woodgrove 3, Riverside 2
Region 6B championship: Osbourn Park 7, Colgan 1

BOYS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Region championship: Albemarle 2, Riverside 1 (2OT)
Region championship: Hayfield 2, Lewis 1 (OT)
Region championship: Loudoun County 2, Tuscarora 1 (PK)
Region championship: Meridian 8, Goochland 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Region championship: Brentsville 2, Meridian 0
Region 6C championship: Lake Braddock 1, Fairfax 0

COLLEGE BASEBALL

NCAA regionals

Double elimination; x-If necessary.

AT DAVENPORT FIELD AT DISHAROON PARK; IN CHARLOTTESVILLE
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Virginia (45-12) vs. Army (38-16), noon
Game 2: East Carolina (45-17) vs. Oklahoma (31-26), 7, ESPN2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT DAVID F. COUCH BALLPARK; IN WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Maryland (41-19) vs. Northeastern (44-14), 1
Game 2: Wake Forest (47-10) vs. George Mason (34-25), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT PLAINSMAN PARK; IN AUBURN, ALA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Southern Mississippi (41-17) vs. Samford (36-23), 2
Game 2: Auburn (34-21-1) vs. Penn (32-14), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT ALEX BOX STADIUM; IN BATON ROUGE
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: LSU (43-15) vs. Tulane (19-40), 3, ESPNU
Game 2: Oregon State (39-18) vs. Sam Houston (38-23), 8
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT DOUG KINGSMORE STADIUM; IN CLEMSON, S.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Clemson (43-17) vs. Lipscomb (36-24), 1
Game 2: Tennessee (38-19) vs. Charlotte (34-26), 6, ESPNU
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT FOUNDERS PARK; IN COLUMBIA, S.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Campbell (44-13) vs. North Carolina State (35-19), 1, ACC Network
Game 2: South Carolina (39-19) vs. Central Connecticut State (36-12), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT SPRING BROOKS STADIUM; IN CONWAY, S.C.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Duke (35-21) vs. North Carolina Wilmington (34-21), 1
Game 2: Coastal Carolina (39-19) vs. Rider (35-19), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT ALEX RODRIGUEZ PARK AT MARK LIGHT FIELD; IN CORAL GABLES, FLA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Texas (38-20) vs. Louisiana (40-22), 2
Game 2: Miami (40-19) vs. Maine (32-19), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT BAUM-WALKER STADIUM; IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Arkansas (41-16) vs. Santa Clara (35-18), 3
Game 2: TCU (37-22) vs. Arizona (33-24), 9, ESPNU
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT CONDRON FAMILY BALLPARK; IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Connecticut (43-15) vs. Texas Tech (39-21), noon, ESPNU
Game 2: Florida (44-14) vs. Florida A&M (29-28), 5:30
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT KENTUCKY PROUD PARK; IN LEXINGTON, KY.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Kentucky (36-18) vs. Ball State (36-21), noon, SEC Network
Game 2: West Virginia (39-18) vs. Indiana (41-18), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT HAWKINS FIELD; IN NASHVILLE
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Oregon (37-20) vs. Xavier (37-23), 1
Game 2: Vanderbilt (41-18) vs. Eastern Illinois. (38-19), 8, SEC Network
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT KLEIN FIELD AT SUNKEN DIAMOND; IN STANFORD, CALIF.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Stanford (38-16) vs. San José State (31-25), 5
Game 2: Texas A&M (36-25) vs. Cal State Fullerton (31-22), 10, ESPN2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT O'BRATE STADIUM; IN STILLWATER, OKLA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Dallas Baptist (45-14) vs. Washington (34-18), 1
Game 2: Oklahoma State (41-18) vs. Oral Roberts (46-11), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT BOB WARN FIELD; IN TERRE HAUTE, IND.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Indiana State (42-15) vs. Wright State (39-21), 1
Game 2: Iowa (42-14) vs. North Carolina (35-22), 7, ACC Network
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

AT SEWELL-THOMAS STADIUM; IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Boston College (35-18) vs. Troy (39-20), 3
Game 2: Alabama (40-19) vs. Nicholls (34-22), 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 loser
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner
MONDAY'S GAME
x-Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

GOLF

PGA Tour

MEMORIAL
At Muirfield Village Golf Club; in Dublin, Ohio
Purse: $20 million
Yardage: 7,571; **Par:** 72

FIRST ROUND

Davis Riley	32	35	—	67	-5
Matt Wallace	31	37	—	68	-4
Austin Eckroat	35	34	—	69	-3
Adam Hadwin	36	33	—	69	-3
Mark Hubbard	32	37	—	69	-3
David Lipsky	34	35	—	69	-3
Shane Lowry	36	33	—	69	-3
Jordan Spieth	35	34	—	69	-3
Danny Willett	34	35	—	69	-3
Wyndham Clark	37	33	—	70	-2
Sungjae Im	33	37	—	70	-2
Seamus Power	34	36	—	70	-2
Jon Rahm	34	36	—	70	-2
Patrick Rodgers	32	38	—	70	-2
Adam Scott	33	37	—	70	-2
Justin Suh	36	34	—	70	-2
Sam Bennett	36	35	—	71	-1
Sam Burns	33	38	—	71	-1
Patrick Cantlay	36	35	—	71	-1
Harris English	35	36	—	71	-1
Emiliano Grillo	34	37	—	71	-1
Tyrrell Hatton	35	36	—	71	-1
Garrick Higgo	34	37	—	71	-1
Viktor Hovland	36	35	—	71	-1
Si Woo Kim	37	34	—	71	-1
Denny McCarthy	35	36	—	71	-1
Keith Mitchell	38	33	—	71	-1
Taylor Montgomery	35	36	—	71	-1
Collin Morikawa	34	37	—	71	-1
Andrew Putnam	34	37	—	71	-1
Sam Ryder	35	36	—	71	-1
Sepp Straka	35	36	—	71	-1
Byeong Hun An	35	37	—	72	E
Luke Donald	34	38	—	72	E
Rickie Fowler	36	36	—	72	E
Ben Griffin	37	35	—	72	E
Kazuki Higa	35	37	—	72	E
Lee Hodges	35	37	—	72	E
Beau Hossler	35	37	—	72	E
Stephan Jaeger	35	37	—	72	E
Hideki Matsuyama	35	37	—	72	E
Rory McIlroy	34	38	—	72	E
Alex Noren	35	37	—	72	E
Chez Reavie	36	36	—	72	E
J.J. Spaun	35	37	—	72	E
Sam Stevens	36	36	—	72	E
Davis Thompson	35	37	—	72	E
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	36	37	—	73	+1
Akshay Bhatia	37	36	—	73	+1
Joseph Bramlett	35	38	—	73	+1
Stewart Cink	36	37	—	73	+1
Thomas Detry	36	37	—	73	+1
Lanto Griffin	35	38	—	73	+1
Zach Johnson	36	37	—	73	+1
Luke List	35	38	—	73	+1
Matthew NeSmith	36	37	—	73	+1
Brandt Snedeker	35	38	—	73	+1
Ben Taylor	36	37	—	73	+1
Keegan Bradley	35	39	—	74	+2
Cameron Davis	37	37	—	74	+2
Lucas Glover	37	37	—	74	+2
Nick Hardy	38	36	—	74	+2
Russell Henley	36	38	—	74	+2
Tom Hoge	35	39	—	74	+2
Chris Kirk	36	38	—	74	+2
Trey Mullinax	35	39	—	74	+2
Aldrich Potgieter	36	38	—	74	+2
Aaron Rai	35	39	—	74	+2
Scottie Scheffler	38	36	—	74	+2
Brandon Wu	33	41	—	74	+2
Cameron Young	38	36	—	74	+2
Eric Cole	37	38	—	75	+3
Mackenzie Hughes	37	38	—	75	+3
Seonghyeon Kim	37	38	—	75	+3
Kevin Kisner	33	42	—	75	+3
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	36	39	—	75	+3
David Micheluzzi	37	38	—	75	+3
Adam Schenk	41	34	—	75	+3
Robby Shelton	36	39	—	75	+3
Justin Thomas	35	40	—	75	+3
Gary Woodland	38	37	—	75	+3
Joel Dahmen	37	39	—	76	+4
Jason Day	39	37	—	76	+4
Jason Dufner	37	39	—	76	+4
Matt Fitzpatrick	40	36	—	76	+4
Lucas Herbert	38	38	—	76	+4
Bo Hoag	37	39	—	76	+4
Kurt Kitayama	36	40	—	76	+4
Troy Merritt	37	39	—	76	+4
J.T. Poston	37	39	—	76	+4
Scott Stallings	36	40	—	76	+4
Sahith Theegala	37	39	—	76	+4
Corey Conners	38	39	—	77	+5
MJ Daffue	37	40	—	77	+5
Ryan Fox	37	40	—	77	+5
Chris Gotterup	36	41	—	77	+5
Brian Harman	37	40	—	77	+5
Nicolai Hojgaard	38	39	—	77	+5
Justin Lower	37	40	—	77	+5
William McGirt	39	38	—	77	+5
Taylor Pendrith	37	40	—	77	+5
Xander Schauffele	39	38	—	77	+5
Adam Svensson	37	40	—	77	+5
Nicolas Echavarria	34	44	—	78	+6
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David Lingmerth	41	37	—	78	+6
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Stephanie Meadow	32	36	—	68	-4
Atthaya Thitikul	34	34	—	68	-4
Ayaka Furue	37	32	—	69	-3
Brooke Henderson	35	34	—	69	-3
Grace Kim	33	36	—	69	-3
Cheyenne Knight	32	37	—	69	-3
Lydia Ko	34	35	—	69	-3
Yuka Saso	36	33	—	69	-3
Emma Talley	33	36	—	69	-3
Peiyun Chien	34	36	—	70	-2
Chella Choi	36	34	—	70	-2
Perrine Delacour	35	35	—	70	-2
Charley Hull	34	36	—	70	-2
Hyo Joon Jang	34	36	—	70	-2
Bronte Law	36	34	—	70	-2
Gaby Lopez	34	36	—	70	-2
Yuna Nishimura	32	38	—	70	-2
Madelene Sagstrom	36	34	—	70	-2
Sarah Schmelzel	34	36	—	70	-2
Amy Yang	34	36	—	70	-2
Angel Yin	35	35	—	70	-2
Pavarisa Yoktuan	35	35	—	70	-2
Rose Zhang	34	36	—	70	-2
Celine Boutier	34	37	—	71	-1
Jennifer Chang	37	34	—	71	-1
Lauren Coughlin	35	36	—	71	-1
Georgia Hall	36	35	—	71	-1
Nasa Hataoka	35	36	—	71	-1
Eun-Hee Ji	33	38	—	71	-1
Sei Young Kim	36	35	—	71	-1
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	36	35	—	71	-1
Jennifer Kupcho	35	36	—	71	-1
Ruixin Liu	35	36	—	71	-1
Leona Maguire	35	36	—	71	-1
Pornanong Phatlum	35	36	—	71	-1
Jasmine Suwannapura	34	37	—	71	-1
Ruoning Yin	37	34	—	71	-1
Jaravee Boonchant	36	36	—	72	E
Carlota Ciganda	36	36	—	72	E
Allisen Corpuz	36	36	—	72	E
Danielle Kang	36	36	—	72	E
Minami Katsu	36	36	—	72	E
Megan Khang	37	35	—	72	E
Stephanie Kyriacou	37	35	—	72	E
Alison Lee	33	39	—	72	E
Andrea Lee	36	36	—	72	E
Wichanee Meechai	39	33	—	72	E
Emily Pedersen	39	33	—	72	E
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Natthakritta Vongtaveelap	35	37	—	72	E
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Paula Creamer	37	36	—	73	+1
Julieta Granada	37	36	—	73	+1
Mina Harigae	35	38	—	73	+1
Frida Kinhult	35	38	—	73	+1
Jin Young Ko	36	37	—	73	+1
Minjee Lee	38	35	—	73	+1
Yan Liu	37	36	—	73	+1
Sung Hyun Park	36	37	—	73	+1
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815 Legal Notices

In Re Doyle Back Bay LLC
In the Court of Chancery of the States of Delaware,
C.A. No. 2023-0510-MTZ

Petitioner hereby gives notice that Doyle US Holdings Inc. represented by the law offices of Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C. (Joseph C. Barsalona II, Esq.) and Carlton Fields, P.A. (Leslie King, Esq.) has filed a Petition for Appointment of Receiver Pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-805 in the Court of Chancery of Delaware on the basis that the appointment of a receiver on behalf of Doyle Back Bay LLC, a dissolved Delaware corporation, is warranted so that Doyle Back Bay LLC can prosecute an action in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. 2384cv00065-BLS1, against Headquarters Hotel LLC and Gary Saunders, for fraud in the inducement, breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and violation of M.G.L. c. 93A, §11. Petitioner has received Court authorization to serve Doyle Back Bay LLC, a dissolved Delaware corporation, via publication (pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3111(b)) by giving notice of this action by (a) publishing notice in *The* News Journal, Wilmington, Delaware, (Doyle Back Bay LLC's state of incorporation) and (b) publishing notice in in *The Washington Post*, Washington, D.C., (the location of a Director of Doyle Hotel Group USA, Ltd.—the managing entity of Doyle Back Bay LLC), also reaching Bethesda, Maryland (the location of a former director Doyle Hotel Group USA, Ltd.).

Any parties having an interest in this proceeding may contest the Petitions by filing an answer in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware within twenty (20) days after publication of this notice.

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820 Official Notices

ABC LICENSE: Pupuseria Olocuilta LLC trading as Pupuseria Olocuilta 8300 Sudley Rd Manassas (Prince William County) VA 20109-3458. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jorge A. Blanco CEO Date notice posted at establishment: May 26, 2023 **NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.**

825 Bids & Proposals

KIPP DC
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Athletic Equipment and Uniforms

KIPP DC is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for Athletic Equipment and Uniforms. The RFP can be found on KIPP DC's website at www.kippdc.org/procurement. Proposals should be uploaded to the website no later than 5:00 PM EST on June 16, 2023. Questions can be addressed to kendra.williams@kippdc.org.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT
Apple Devices

KIPP DC intends to enter a sole source contract with Apple, Inc. for the purchase of various devices for KIPP DC staff and students. The decision to sole source was made because Apple, Inc is uniquely qualified to provide technology equipment due to proprietary design of their equipment. KIPP DC's existing technology is Apple-product based and we want to continue with the current infrastructure. The cost of the contract will be approximately $500,000. Questions can be addressed to edmund.han@kippdc.org.

835 Public Sale Notices

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850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Michael McKeefery
Christianna Kersey
Kevin Hildebeidel
11099 Winterson Road,
Suite 301
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

v.

Rosemary Ingado
3307 Sir Thomas Drive,
Unit 5-B-12
Silver Spring, MD 20904
Defendant

Case No. C-15-CV-22-004269

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26 day of May, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **26 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **26 day of June, 2023**.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$185,066.88**. The property sold herein is known as **3307 Sir Thomas Drive, Unit 5-B-12 Silver Spring, MD 20904**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Montgomery County, Maryland
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
50 MARYLAND AVENUE
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850-2393

June 2, 9, 16, 2023 12424382

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

CARRIE M. WARD, et al.
6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitue Trustees/Plaintiffs,

vs.

BOLANLE AJISEFINNI AKA BOLA AJESIFINNI-ADEYEMI
1138 Southern Night Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
Defendants(s).

Case No. 462831V

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **26 day of May, 2023,** by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **1138 Southern Night Lane Gaithersburg, MD 20879,** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23 day of June, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23 day of June, 2023.**

The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$312,000.00.**

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland

BWW#MD-74164

June 2, 9, 16, 2023 12424384

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees

Versus

Michelle A. Schwartz
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-22-001239

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Friday, May 12, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage, Substitute Trustees**
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **12th** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **12th** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **4331 CORTEZ ROAD, BROOKLYN, MD 21225** to be **$139,080.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 19, 26, 2023
June 2, 2023 12422476

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S AUCTION
202 HOLDEN DRIVE, MANASSAS PARK, VIRGINIA 20111-1832
LOT 1508, SECTION 5, MANASSAS PARK
TAX ID # 2-1-1508

In the execution of a deed of trust on the above captioned property Deed of Trust, dated January 11, 2016, recorded January 13, 2016, as Instrument Number 201601130002627, among the land records of **Prince William County,** Virginia; as modified by Deed of Trust Modification, dated April 28, 2020, recorded April 28, 2020, as Instrument Number 202004280032871, among the aforesaid land records, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction, on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 1:00 PM**, in front of the Prince William County Judicial Center, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia 20110, a certain parcel of real property, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, commonly referred to as 202 Holden Drive, Manassas Park, Virginia 20109, briefly described as Lot 1508, Section 5, MANASSAS PARK, Tax ID #2-1-1508.

TERMS: Bidder's deposit $20,000.00 by cashier's check at sale; balance upon settlement and all funds due to be delivered by cashier's or certified check or in equivalent form to office of the Trustee within 15 calendar days from date of sale. Bidder's deposit shall be forfeited in the event of default by the purchaser. Trustee reserves the right to: waive the deposit requirement; approve the credit worthiness of any bidder and final purchaser; withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to the termination of bidding; and keep the bidding open for any length of time. Title examination, conveyancing and recording fees, including Virginia Grantor's tax, the regional WMATA capital fee and the regional transportation improvement fee shall be at the expense of the purchaser. Purchaser shall assume liability for any unpaid taxes for the current year subsequent to the date of sale. Risk of loss shall be assumed by Purchaser upon sale. Sale is subject to any valid filed or unfiled mechanics' liens and any other matters of record prior to the aforesaid deed of trust. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT THE INDEBTEDNESS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

For more information contact:
Lloyd A. Martin, II, Esq.
LLOYD MARTIN PLC
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820 Official Notices

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING
PRELIMINARY DECISION TO GRANT CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE #614)

Project Name/Number: Horizon Way Water Main Replacement DWBL -1030 - 25L
Project Applicant: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
Project Location/County: District Heights area, Prince George's County
Total Project Cost/Loan: $7,648,973 / $3,400,000

Project Description:
The proposed project involves the replacement of the aging water distribution system in the District Heights area in Prince George's County. The existing water distribution system has exceeded its useful life and is experiencing failures and leaks. The deteriorated water distribution system is in need of replacement. The proposed improvements will provide residents with safe and adequate drinking water, including fire protection.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has applied for financial assistance from the Maryland Department of the Environment's State Revolving Loan Fund for the proposed project as described above. In accordance with requirements for complying with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) under COMAR 26.03.11 for such assistance, a review has been performed by the Department on the applicant's request for a Categorical Exclusion from a comprehensive environmental review under SERP. The Department has determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to COMAR 26.03.11.04 because the project constitutes functional replacement of equipment or structures. This determination is based on a careful review of the supporting documentation provided by the applicant and other documents available to the Department. In concert with this preliminary determination, the Department has also found the project to be consistent with the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy in accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1992.27, and Maryland's Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation Policy, in accordance with Executive Order 01.01.1998.04.

As a result of the above determination, the applicant will not need to prepare and/or finalize an Environmental Information Document, and the Department is prepared to approve the applicant's request for financial assistance without further environmental review.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with the above preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration by writing to:

Rajiv Chawla, Division Chief
Region I Project Management Division
Office of Budget and Infrastructure Financing
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

After evaluating any comments received, the Department will make a final decision no sooner than 20 calendar days from the date of this notice. No administrative action will be taken with respect to this proposal during this timeframe.

Walid Saffouri, P.E., Program Administrator
Engineering & Capital Projects Program
Office of Budget and Infrastructure Financing
Maryland Department of the Environment

840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Jason A. Pardo, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
710 E STREET, S.E., Unit 4, Washington, D.C. 20003 (Lot 2013 in Sq. 902)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing, ("Deed of Trust") in the original principal amount of $1,840,867 dated October 24, 2018 and recorded on October 25, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018107262 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia from E 710 LLC, as Grantor, to Jason A. Pardo and Russell S. Drazin, as Trustees, for the benefit of Cornerstone Capital LLC, as Beneficiary, as amended by that First Modification of Deed of Trust dated December 13, 2018 and recorded on December 17, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018125652 among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in the City of Washington, **District of Columbia**, known as 710 E Street,, S.E., Unit 4, Washington, D.C. 20003 (Lot 2013 in Sq. 902), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are released by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

Purchaser also shall take subject to the Condominium Declaration and Condominium Bylaws recorded on April 19, 2022 at Instrument Nos. 2022043025 and 202203026, respectively, and any amendments thereto.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $50,000.00 by cash or cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER AND DELIVERY OF THE PURCHASE PRICE TO TRUSTEES. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at 24% per annum. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustees and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining balance of the forfeited deposit shall be applied against the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustees and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default. Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

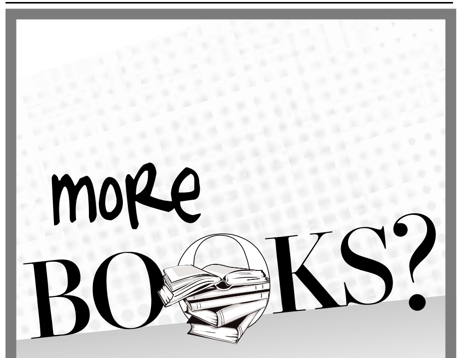
If the Trustees do not settle as required herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo and Russell S. Drazin, Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
1621 W Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020 (Lot 009 in Square 5755)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") in the original principal amount of $369,150 dated October 8, 2019 and recorded on October 11, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019110112 among the Land Records of the **District of Columbia** from 1621 W Street SE LLC, as Grantor, to Brian P. Donegan and William F. Leahy, Trustees, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees appointing Jason A. Pardo as Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust ("Substitute Trustee"), an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property, at the request of the current noteholder, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 1:10 P.M.

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1621 W Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020 (Lot 009 in Square 5755), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are released by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000.00 by cash, cashier's check, or wire transfer will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER AND DELIVERY OF THE PURCHASE PRICE TO TRUSTEES. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the rate provided by the debt instrument. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining balance of the forfeited deposit shall be applied against the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Substitute Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

If the Substitute Trustee does not settle as required herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo, Substitute Trustee

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United States Marshal's Sale
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29 Florida Avenue, NW
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SALE OF THE PROPERTY EXECUTED AND LEVIED UPON BY virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, issued pursuant to a judgment against Kellee Baker and Kofi Graham entered on January 23, 2017, and directed to sell by public auction, to the highest bidder for CASH, in front of the United States Marshal Service, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001 all right, title, claim interest and estate at law and in equity of Case No. 2014 CA 004364-B, in and to the following described real estate, in the District of Columbia to wit: Square numbered 3100, Lot numbered 0018, among the records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia, known as 29 Florida Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001 on

June 15, 2023 at 11:00 am

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: The property is in the Bloomingdale neighborhood. The lot size is approx. 1,336 sq. ft. or 0.03 acre. It is improved by a 2-story 2-unit building believed to contain a unit in the basement level and another unit on the upper two levels. The public records indicate an above grade building area of approx. 1,584 sq. ft. and lower-level area of approx. 792 sq. ft.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check or in such other form as the United States Marshal (US Marshal) may determine, at his or her sole discretion, for $35,000.00 will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 1 business day after the sale, and delivered to the office of the U.S. Marshal in the same form as the initial deposit except that Judgment Lienor or its assignee or its designee, if submitting the highest bid, shall be excused from payment and have its judgment credited against the bid. The balance shall be paid in cashier's or certified check. Settlement will be the latter of 10 days after ratification (if subject to ratification) or 30 days from the date of sale, time being of the essence. All checks must be payable to the U.S. Marshal's Service . The sale shall be for the highest cash offer, but the U.S. Marshal's Service may reject all offers if they are unconscionably low and offer the property for sale at a later time. The sale may be subject to the final ratification by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Purchaser is to pay all settlement fees, transfer taxes (grantor/grantee taxes), and closing costs. The Purchaser will pay interest on the unpaid portion of the purchase price from date of sale to date of settlement at the rate of 6% per annum. Property is sold subject to all existing mortgages and liens of record. All outstanding taxes, water and other municipal charges and liens owed against the Property shall be the responsibility of the purchaser and shall be paid by the purchaser at settlement. In the event of default by the purchaser, including failure to timely remit the balances due, and at the risk and expense of said purchaser, the U.S. Marshal may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the property. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales and any deficiency in the sale price realized in the subsequent sale of the property. The forfeited deposit, less expense, shall be credited towards the judgment.

The Judgment Debtor's interest in the Property is sold subject to all encumbrances, agreements, covenants, defects of title, lack of legal or equitable interest, reservations of title, all back taxes, costs of conveyance, and outstanding liens or encumbrances senior in right to that of Judgment Lienor. The Judgment Debtor's interest in the property will be sold in its "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" condition. The U.S. Marshal makes no representations, warranties, either expressed or implied, with respect to the nature and extent of the Judgment Debtor's interest in the property, the condition of the Property, any improvements, or as to the suitability of the Property for any particular purpose.

Purchaser assumes the risk of loss from the date of sale forward. The Purchaser waives and releases the selling parties, the Auctioneer, and their respective agents, successors and assigns from any and all claims the Purchaser and/or its successors and assigns may now have, or have in the future, relating to the condition of the property, including but not limited to the environmental condition thereof. Actual possession does not necessarily pass to the Purchaser after delivery of the deed to the purchaser by the U.S. Marshal; further legal action may be necessary to obtain possession.

The United States Marshal or His or Her representative

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COURT APPOINTED TRUSTEES' FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
1125 12TH STREET, NW #B1
Washington, DC 20005

In execution of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division ("Court") Order Granting Default Judgment in Case #2020 CA 004916 R(RP) TVC Funding IV, LLC v. Takoma Park Venture, LLC the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction within the offices of Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc., 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, NW #100, Washington, DC 20016, 202-364-0306 on

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 AT 10:45 AM

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Washington, DC and more fully designated as Lot 2152 in Square 0315 in a Deed of Trust dated January 2, 2019, recorded as Instrument No. 2019006415-28 among the D.C. Land Records, and subsequently assigned by Assignment of Mortgage/Security Deed/Deed of Trust, recorded as Instrument No. 2020100611, and described as follows:

A part of Lot 25 in Square (0315), more particular described as Condominium Unit No. B1 in the Twelve Street Condominium thereinafter called the "Condominium" which was constituted and established under the District of Columbia Act of 1976, as amended by the Condominium Declaration recorded June 6, 2003, as Instrument Number 75933 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia thereinafter called the "Condominium Declaration" and the second amendment to Condominium Declaration recorded April 19, 2006 as Instrument Number 50916 and by the Condominium Bylaws recorded June 17, 2003 as Instrument No. 75934, in the Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of the District of Columbia (hereinafter called the "Condominium Bylaws) and by the Condominium Plat and plans recorded in Condominium Plat Book 44 at page 47 as amended by Condominium Plat Book 52 at Page 8 (hereinafter called the "Condominium Plat and Plans").

The property will be sold by Trustees' Deed "as is" without any covenant, expressed or implied, in Fee Simple, subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other recorded instruments superior to the Deed of Trust referenced above, and subject to ratification by the Court.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000 will be required at time of sale, in cashier's or certified check, or other form as Substitute Trustees may determine. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustee within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The deposit required to bid at the auction is waived for the Noteholder and any of its successors or assigns. The Noteholder may bid up to the amount owed on the Note plus all costs and expenses of sale on credit and may submit a written bid to the Substitute Trustees which shall be announced at sale. The Balance of the purchase price to be paid in certified funds within sixty (60) days of final ratification of the sale by the Court. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If Purchaser fails to settle within the aforesaid sixty (60) days of the ratification, the Purchaser agrees to pay the Substitute Trustees' reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the Court, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed with the Court in connection with such motion and any Show Cause Order issued by the Court and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper or Order by certified mail and regular mail sent to the address provided by the Purchaser and as recorded on the documents executed by the Purchaser at the time of the sale. Service shall be deemed effective upon the Purchaser 3 days after postmarked by the United States Post Office. It is expressly agreed by the Purchaser that actual receipt of the certified mail is not required for service to be effective. If the Purchaser fails to go to settlement the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. In the event of resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 18% per annum from the date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event that the settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest. Taxes, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to date of sale and assumed thereafter by the Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for the costs of all transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other costs incident to settlement. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, or if ratification of the sale is denied for any reason, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The sale is subject to post sale audit by the noteholder to determine whether the borrower filed bankruptcy, entered into any repayment/forbearance agreement, reinstated, or paid off prior to the sale. In any such event the Purchaser agrees that upon notification by the Substitute Trustees of such event the sale is null and void and of no legal effect and the deposit returned without interest. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1625 W Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020 (Lot 119 in Square 5755)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") in the original principal amount of $369,150 dated October 8, 2019 and recorded on October 11, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019109979 among the Land Records of the **District of Columbia** from 1625 W Street SE LLC, as Grantor, to Brian P. Donegan and William F. Leahy, Trustees, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees appointing Jason A. Pardo as Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust ("Substitute Trustee"), an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property, at the request of the current noteholder, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 1:15 P.M.

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1625 W Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020 (Lot 119 in Square 5755), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are released by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000.00 by cash, cashier's check, or wire transfer will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER AND DELIVERY OF THE PURCHASE PRICE TO TRUSTEES. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the rate provided by the debt instrument. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining balance of the forfeited deposit shall be applied against the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Substitute Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

If the Substitute Trustee does not settle as required herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo, Substitute Trustee

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May 30, June 2, 6, 9, 12, 2023 12422721

CONDOMINIUM LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE OF VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING KNOWN AS:

2001 12TH STREET NW #410 WASHINGTON, DC 20009

WITHIN THE LINCOLN CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to the Condominium Declaration for Lincoln Condominium Unit Owners Association recorded on December 19, 2000, at Instrument No. 2000115973, et. seq., and as amended, and in accordance with D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13 and the "Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Condominium Unit for Assessments Due" recorded on May 5, 2023, at Instrument No. 2023037740, the Board of Directors of Lincoln Condominium Unit Owners Association shall on **June 6, 2023, at 11:30 AM** sell at public auction the property known for assessment and taxation purposes as **Lot 2068 in Square 304**, said improvements consist of a residential condominium unit located at and commonly known as **2001 12TH STREET NW #410 WASHINGTON, DC 20009**, together with all the appurtenances incident to said condominium unit and as contained in the Condominium Declaration and subject to all the provisions, restrictions, easements and conditions as set forth in the Condominium Declaration, Bylaws, and amendments thereto. The public auction will take place within the office of **HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, but in the event that this office must be closed, the public auction will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion**.

TERMS OF SALE: The property is being sold on an "AS-IS" basis without any representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied and is sold subject to any real estate taxes, or other prior liens, encumbrances and municipal assessments, if any. A deposit of $10,000 will be required at time of sale, such deposit to be by certified check or in such other form as the Board of Directors of the Condominium may require in its sole discretion. All conveyancing, recording, recordation tax, transfer fees/taxes shall be the purchaser's costs and obligations and must be paid at settlement. Accrued condominium assessments and late fees between the auction date and settlement date are the purchaser's costs and obligations and must be paid at settlement. Purchaser also agrees to pay $390.00 at settlement to the seller's attorney for review of the settlement documents. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum from date of sale to date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, must be paid in cash or by cashier's certified check and all other terms to be complied with within 30 days of auction date, otherwise deposit is forfeited and the property may be re-advertised and sold at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Condominium Association and at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. The Board of Directors of the Condominium Association cannot guarantee clear title or the purchaser's ability to obtain title insurance; therefore, the purchaser may not be able to obtain financing and must nevertheless be able to pay the balance of the purchase price in full within 30 days. The Board of Directors of the Condominium Association shall convey a deed pursuant to D.C. Code Section 42-1903.13(c) (1) and (3) and make no further representations of warranties as to title. Purchaser must record such deed with the D.C. Recorder of Deeds within 30 days of receipt of the deed. The Board of Directors of the Condominium Association reserves the right in its sole discretion to rescind the sale at any time before conveyance of the deed. In the event of failure on the part of the Board of Directors of the Condominium Association to convey such deed, the purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of the deposit.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

7407 9th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012 (Lot 48 in Square 2963)

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") in the original principal amount of $732,950 dated November 8, 2022 and recorded on November 10, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022112272 among the Land Records of the **District of Columbia** from Lennox Properties Development LLC, as Grantor, to Brian P. Donegan and William F. Leahy, Trustees, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation in the Land Records of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees appointing Jason A. Pardo as Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust ("Substitute Trustee"), an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property, at the request of the current noteholder, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 1:05 P.M.

ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 7407 9th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012 (Lot 48 in Square 2963), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are released by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $30,000.00 by cash, cashier's check, or wire transfer will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER AND DELIVERY OF THE PURCHASE PRICE TO TRUSTEES. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the rate provided by the debt instrument. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Any remaining balance of the forfeited deposit shall be applied against the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Substitute Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property.

If the Substitute Trustee does not settle as required herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Jason A. Pardo, Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

6720 Fairfax Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY LOU DELL, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded in Liber 31126, folio 728 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY,** MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000112; Tax ID No.07-0046903) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-009217)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

1629 Angelwing Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1629 Angelwing Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20904. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 15, 2004, and recorded in Liber 28786 at Page 546 among the land records of the **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**, in the original principal amount of $525,600.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **June 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-03003740

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 15-252028.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

21712 Slidell Rd, Boyds, MD 20841

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 21712 Slidell Rd, Boyds, MD 20841. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 14, 2005, and recorded in Liber 29908 at Page 375 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $100,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **June 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 11-02961726

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 21-289381.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

5500 FRIENDSHIP BOULEVARD APT 2020N CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 23, 2014, and recorded in Liber 48283, folio 025, of the land records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $367,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

07-02194906

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $9,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 2.38% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such even this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-028575)

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850 Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE

13860 Crosstie Drive, Germantown, MD 20874

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 13860 Crosstie Drive, Germantown, MD 20874. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 25, 2012, and recorded in Liber 44393 at Page 157 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $195,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **June 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 02-02788786

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-291571.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9827 Docena Dr Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JERALDINE A. BENITEZ CRUZ AND NICOLAS N. CRUZ AREVALO, dated May 11, 2018 and recorded in Liber 56297, folio 327 among the Land Records of **MONTGOMERY COUNTY,** MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-23-000289; Tax ID No.09-02004910) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE.

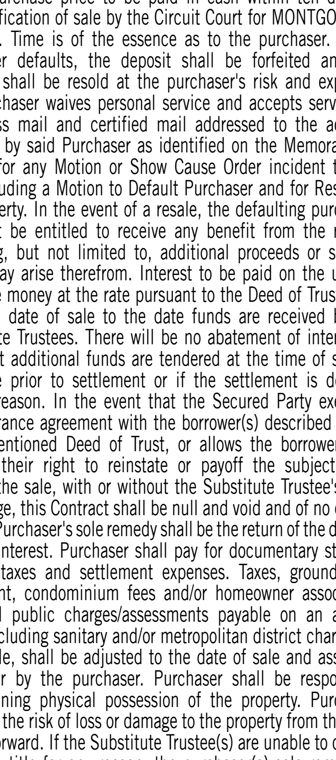
The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-010964)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

3413 Aberdeen St, Suitland, MD 20746

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3413 Aberdeen St, Suitland, MD 20746. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 25, 2018, and recorded in Liber 41105 at Page 375 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $230,972.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-052437

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-291508.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

6708 20th Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20783

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 6708 20th Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20783. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 24, 2006, and recorded in Liber 24967 at Page 067 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $320,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 17-1854694

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-290725.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

8506 Weimar Ct, Clinton, MD 20735

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 8506 Weimar Ct, Clinton, MD 20735. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated September 18, 2006, and recorded in Liber 28622 at Page 67 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $351,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 09-0907022

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-282745.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

13014 WOODMORE NORTH BOULEVARD
Bowie, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 20, 2019 and recorded in Deed Book 42336 at Page 90, RE-RECORDED JULY 6, 2021 IN LIBER 45795, FOLIO 513 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 07-3744778

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $60,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 9% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

7905 Crows Nest Court, Unit 9262, Laurel, MD 20707

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 7905 Crows Nest Court, Unit 9262, Laurel, MD 20707. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 27, 2006, and recorded in Liber 25443 at Page 013 among the land records of the **County of Prince George's**, in the original principal amount of $203,200.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 10-1048511

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 16-258568.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

11905 GALAXY LANE
Bowie, MD 20715

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 28, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 26544 at Page 199 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772, on

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust (the "Property").

TAX ID#: 14-1708270

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $33,000 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may allow, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The property and improvements will be sold in "as is" physical condition without either express or implied warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 3% from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey title for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the Purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the Property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without re-selling the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the Property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or the loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void and Purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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2841 CARROLLTON RD.
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 27, 2020, recorded in Liber 34525, Folio 26 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $306,797.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 9:31 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360645-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

305 VALIANT CIRCLE
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sheri L. Rhodes, and Connie W. Rhodes, dated December 28, 1998 and recorded in Liber 8899, Folio 0594 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $80,800.00, and an original interest rate of 6.500%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

June 21, 2023 AT 9:41 am

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property being sold is a condominium unit and all common elements appurtenant thereto.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $6,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 459214)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

144 HOBBIT LN.
PASADENA, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 31, 2022, recorded in Liber 38316, Folio 116 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $381,954.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 9:29 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $38,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362699-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

115 Haile Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21225

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 115 Haile Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21225. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 16, 2019, and recorded in Liber 33532 at Page 473 among the land records of the **County of Anne Arundel**, in the original principal amount of $167,549.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **June 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-001-03269100

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-292548.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

256 NATHAN WAY, UNIT #256
MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 9, 2014, recorded in Liber 27284, Folio 128 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $164,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 9:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359284-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

2430 Knapps Way, Odenton, MD 21113

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 2430 Knapps Way, Odenton, MD 21113. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 14, 2010, and recorded in Liber 22741 at Page 259 among the land records of the **COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL**, in the original principal amount of $292,358.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **June 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-680-90219846

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 17-265706.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

12036 Michael Drive, Lusby, MD 20657

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 12036 Michael Drive, Lusby, MD 20657. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 31, 2015, and recorded in Liber 4540 at Page 225 among the land records of the **County of Calvert**, in the original principal amount of $193,431.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CALVERT, at 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland, on **June 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-165089

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-290858.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

954 Johnswoods Road, Lusby, MD 20657

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 954 Johnswoods Road, Lusby, MD 20657. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 10, 2016, and recorded in Liber 4875 at Page 0325 among the land records of the **County of Calvert**, in the original principal amount of $351,220.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CALVERT, at 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland, on **June 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-161229

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-281391.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

300 MASON ROAD
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Philip Gross, Evelyn Virginia Gross and Evelyn Valerie Plater, dated July 23, 2009 and recorded in Liber 3373, Folio 0112 among the Land Records of **Calvert County**, Maryland modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on November 24, 2014, in the Land Records of Calvert County at Liber No. 4473, Folio 0481, with an original principal balance of $362,123.00, and an original interest rate of 4.625%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678, on

June 6, 2023 AT 3:05 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $25,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458734)

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5280 ZENOBIA PL.
INDIAN HEAD, MD 20640

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 21, 2008, recorded in Liber 6740, Folio 132 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $360,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 1:49 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $14,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 358504-1)

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482 THISTLE PL.
WALDORF, MD 20601

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 13, 2011, recorded in Liber 7671, Folio 145 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $217,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 1:47 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $16,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353554-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5130 PORT TOBACCO ROAD
NANJEMOY, MD 20662

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Robert Ryce, and Doris E. Ryce, dated August 31, 2006 and recorded in Liber 05998, Folio 0009 among the Land Records of Charles County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $238,400.00, and an original interest rate of 5.000%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St, La Plata, MD 20646, on

June 21, 2023 AT 1:40 pm

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $25,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 456025)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1999 YORKSHIRE LN.
WALDORF, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 16, 2006, recorded in Liber 5905, Folio 254 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $488,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

JUNE 21, 2023 AT 1:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $40,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353428-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

11204 A BARNSWALLOW PLACE APT. A
WALDORF, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sharon D. Mitchell, dated October 30, 2009 and recorded in Liber 07051, Folio 0211 among the Land Records of Charles County, Maryland modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on August 26, 2016, in the Land Records of Charles County at Liber No. 9487, Folio 121, with an original principal balance of $241,544.00, and an original interest rate of 4.250%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St, La Plata, MD 20646, on

June 13, 2023 AT 1:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property being sold is a condominium unit and all common elements appurtenant thereto.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $19,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 445756)

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8309 KINGSBENCH CT.
WHITE PLAINS, MD 20695

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 23, 2013, recorded in Liber 8379, Folio 297 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $284,457.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

JUNE 13, 2023 AT 1:05 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 358471-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ADAMA FALL, dated January 6, 2006 and recorded in Liber 9779, folio 592 among the Land Records of **HOWARD COUNTY**, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-13-CV-22-000659; Tax ID No.06-545750) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 9250 JUDICIAL WAY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043, on

JUNE 6, 2023 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in HOWARD COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for HOWARD COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 22-003187)

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By virtue of and pursuant to the terms of a Purchase Money Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents dated July 13, 2020 (the "Deed of Trust"), such Deed of Trust having been executed by BT 2300 9th, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Grantor"), to David C. Canfield and Joseph P. Corish, as Trustees (collectively, the "Trustees" and either Trustee acting being the "Trustee"), and recorded on July 14, 2020, as Instrument Number 20200100016526, among the land records of **Arlington County**, Virginia (the "Land Records"); and default having been made by the Grantor in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust; and having been requested to do so by the holder of the promissory note evidencing the indebtedness (the "Noteholder") secured by the Deed of Trust; Joseph P. Corish as the sole acting Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the front of the Arlington County Courthouse located at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, at:

10:30 a.m. on June 7, 2023 (the "Sale Date")

the following described real property (the "Property"), situate, lying and being in the County of Arlington, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT A PK NAIL FOUND MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS OF SOUTH WAYNE STREET (VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY), WITH THE EXTENDED DIVISION LINE BETWEEN PARCEL B (DEED BOOK 1986 PAGE 52) ON THE NORTH AND PARCEL A-1 , WOODFIELD SIENA PARK (DEED BOOK 4153 PAGE 211) ON THE SOUTH, THENCE WITH SAID EXTENDED DIVISION LINE, AND FURTHER WITH THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN SAID PARCEL A-1 ON THE SOUTH AND OUTLOT 2 AND PARCEL 3, LANDS OF 9TH STREET SOUTH, LLC (INSTR.# 20170100020100) ON THE NORTH;

SOUTH 79° 22' 04" WEST, 296.76 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND MARKING SAID DIVISION LINE EXTENDED, WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS OF SOUTH ADAMS STREET (VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY), THENCE WITH SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS;

NORTH 10° 28' 38" WEST, 121.89 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS, WITH THE SOUTHERLY LIMITS OF 9TH STREET SOUTH (PRIVATE STREET), THENCE WITH SAID SOUTHERLY LIMITS;

NORTH 79° 40' 41" EAST, 15.02 FEET TO AN X-CUT FOUND, THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY LIMITS AND WITH A LINE THROUGH SAID 9TH STREET SOUTH;

NORTH 10° 28' 38" WEST, 25.04 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND IN THE CENTER OF SAID 91H STREET SOUTH, BEING THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN THE LANDS OF ADAMS COURT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (DEED BOOK 2005 PAGE 1497) ON THE NORTH AND SAID PARCEL B ON THE SOUTH, THENCE WITH SAID DIVISION LINE;

NORTH 79° 29' 41" EAST, 283.62 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOUND MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF SAID DIVISION LINE WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS OF SAID SOUTH WAYNE STREET, THENCE WITH SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS;

SOUTH 09° 44' 20" EAST, 146.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 43,254 SQUARE FEET OR 0.993 ACRES.

Street Address of the Property:
2300 S. 9th Street
Arlington, Virginia

RPC Numbers: 25-017-044 and 25-017-048

This sale is subject to all conditions, rights-of-way, easements, and reservations contained in the deeds forming the chain of title to the Property and subject to any and all liens, including, but not limited to any filed or unfiled mechanics' and materialmens' liens and the right of redemption of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for any IRS lien, to the extent that any of the foregoing may lawfully apply to the Property or any part thereof and take priority over the liens and security interests of the Deed of Trust.

WARRANTIES: THE PROPERTY AND ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, IF ANY, WILL BE SOLD IN THEIR "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PHYSICAL CONDITION, CONSTRUCTION, EXTENT OF CONSTRUCTION, STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY, WORKMANSHIP, HABITABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, MERCHANTABILITY, MATERIALS, ZONING OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION.

The purchaser recognizes and agrees that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the Grantor or other parties in possession and their agents and not within the control of the Trustee, the Noteholder, or their successors or assigns.

TERMS OF SALE: **ALL CASH.** Purchaser shall pay for all recording charges, settlement fees and all costs of conveyancing. Transfer of title of the Property to the purchaser shall be by special warranty deed of bargain and sale. To bid on the Property, a bidder's deposit of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($100,000.00) must be delivered by each bidder other than the Noteholder to the Trustee prior to the commencement of the sale. The deposit shall be by certified or cashier's check drawn on a financial institution acceptable to the Trustee and the Noteholder. The deposit, without interest, will be applied to the purchase price at settlement or returned to the unsuccessful bidders, as applicable. The balance of the purchase price will be due by certified check or immediately available funds at settlement. Settlement in full shall be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, and shall occur in the offices of the Trustee or such other place as mutually agreed upon. The Trustee reserves the right to extend the date of settlement as may be necessary to complete arrangements of settlement. Risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the purchaser from the time of the foreclosure sale. Real estate taxes and other public charges will be pro-rated to the date of the foreclosure sale, and the purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of such taxes and charges beginning as of the date of the foreclosure sale. The Trustee will not deliver possession of all or any part of the Property being sold.

Written one-price bids may be received by the Trustee from the Noteholder or any other person for entry by announcement by the Trustee at the sale. The Property will be offered for sale to the highest bidder, subject however to the Trustee's right to reject any bid that the Trustee deems inadequate and/or unacceptable.

In the event the Trustee deems it best for any reason at the time of sale to postpone, suspend, or continue the sale from time to time, he may do so in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and/or applicable law, and thereafter may sell the Property as therein provided.

In the event of default, the Property may be sold at the expense (which expense shall include a trustee's fee and costs of sale) of the defaulting purchaser, and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for any amount by which the ultimate sale price for the Property is less than the defaulting purchaser's bid. In addition, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale and to the secured indebtedness, subject however, to any agreement between the Noteholder and the Trustee with respect to the Trustee's commission. After any default and forfeiture of deposit, such Property may, at the discretion of the Trustee, be conveyed to the next highest bidder on such Property whose bid was acceptable to the Trustee. Should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in his reasonable discretion, to convey marketable title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon return of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

The purchaser shall be required to sign a Contract of Sale at the foreclosure sale. A copy of the Contract of Sale is available from the Trustee upon request.

The Trustee reserves the right to amend or supplement the terms of the sale by verbal announcements during the sale, to modify the requirements for bidders' deposits, to withdraw all or part of the Property from the sale prior to the commencement of bidding and to conduct such other sales as the Trustee may determine in his discretion.

Joseph P. Corish, sole acting Trustee

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

21085 Mossy Glen Terrace
Ashburn, Virginia 20147

In execution of certain liens for unpaid assessments as perfected by the recording of memoranda of liens among the Land Records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **County of Loudoun** ("Land Records") on (i) April 15, 2020 as Instrument Number 20200415-0026245; (ii) April 7, 2021 as Instrument Number 20210407-0040962 and (iii) April 22, 2022 as Instrument Number 20220422-0024180 ("Liens"), Ashburn Village Community Association, Inc. ("Association"), by its appointed Trustee, as identified below, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **June 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**, at the main outside entrance to the Courthouse of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County at 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20178, the real property and improvements with the street address of 21085 Mossy Glen Terrace, Ashburn, Virginia 20147 ("Property") and briefly described as:

Lot 20, Section 54, ASHBURN VILLAGE, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1358 at Page 729, among the land records of Loudoun County, Virginia.

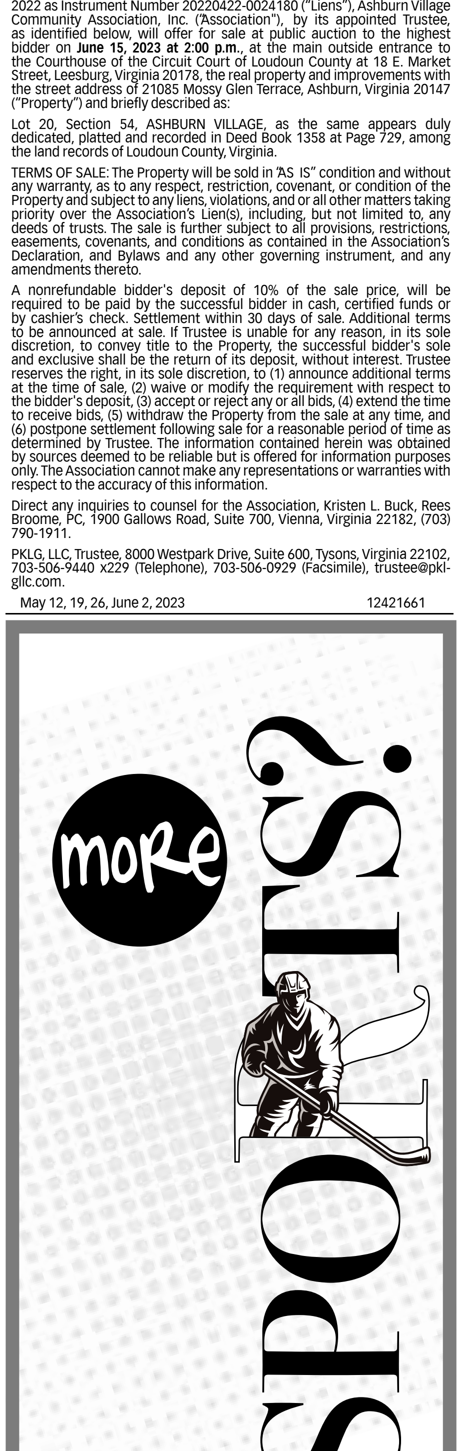
TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold in "AS IS" condition and without any warranty, as to any respect, restriction, covenant, or condition of the Property and subject to any liens, violations, and or all other matters taking priority over the Association's Lien(s), including, but not limited to, any deeds of trusts. The sale is further subject to all provisions, restrictions, easements, covenants, and conditions as contained in the Association's Declaration, and Bylaws and any other governing instrument, and any amendments thereto.

A nonrefundable bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required to be paid by the successful bidder in cash, certified funds or by cashier's check. Settlement within 30 days of sale. Additional terms to be announced at sale. If Trustee is unable for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title to the Property, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive shall be the return of its deposit, without interest. Trustee reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) announce additional terms at the time of sale, (2) waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit, (3) accept or reject any or all bids, (4) extend the time to receive bids, (5) withdraw the Property from the sale at any time, and (6) postpone settlement following sale for a reasonable period of time as determined by Trustee. The information contained herein was obtained by sources deemed to be reliable but is offered for information purposes only. The Association cannot make any representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of this information.

Direct any inquiries to counsel for the Association, Kristen L. Buck, Rees Broome, PC, 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 790-1911.

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The annual Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival return to West Street on Saturday. After the parade comes a block-party-style festival with entertainment, vendors and booths run by community groups.

Pride events

Capital Pride's official opening party takes place June 9, inaugurating a weekend that includes the popular parade and street festival. But Pride-related events and celebrations get underway this weekend. Here are seven worth checking out.

The **Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival** fill historic West Street on Saturday, with a parade that sets off from Amos Garrett Boulevard at noon, heading toward Church Circle. The focus then shifts to a block-party-style festival with two stages of entertainment, vendors and booths run by community groups. Highlights include singer Whatever Mike, dance performances and even weddings. A family-friendly after-party is held at the Graduate Hotel beginning at 5 p.m. (*Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. annapolispride.org. Free.*)

Music, crafts and a scavenger hunt are on the agenda at the **Smithsonian American Art Museum's Pride Family Day**, with performances by D.C.'s Different Drummers, the Afro-Brazilian drum ensemble Batala and a cappella singers Snowday. Younger visitors can participate in hands-on art activities, get their faces painted and explore LGBTQ artists during a scavenger hunt in the galleries. (*Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. americanart.si.edu. Free.*)

The **Washington Spirit** celebrates Pride Night during its match against Racing Louisville, and the team promises "the largest halftime drag performance in NWSL history." Look for Pride photo stations, a Pride flag giveaway and booths representing LGBTQ community groups. (*Saturday at 8 p.m. washingtonspirit.com. $15-$210.*)

The last of the **Gay Men's Chorus of Washington**'s tributes to famous entertainers celebrates Dolly Parton, with the chorus and its ensembles, including 17th Street Dance, performing songs including "Jolene," "Coat of Many Colors," "Backwoods Barbie" and "9 to 5" at the Lincoln Theatre. (*Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. gmcw.org. $20-$65.*)

Beloved U Street skateboard shop Crushed brings an inclusive skate party to Freedom Plaza that's open to all ages and skill levels, with first-timers "highly encouraged." Look for music, giveaways and plenty of support during **Pride at the Plaza**. (*Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. crushedskateshop.com. Free.*)

Alexandria kicks off its **Pride Month** celebrations at Old Town's Market Square with an outdoor drag story hour, face painting and spoken word. (*Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. alexandriava.gov. Free.*)

The inaugural **Prince George's County Pride Walk** takes place at National Harbor, starting at the Waterfront Plaza and following a trail along the waterfront. Entertainment, vendors and other activities await at the finish line. (*Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. nationalharbor.com. Free.*)

On the cover: A group of friends celebrate a birthday with brunch at the Park at 14th.

Festival Argentino

From tango to asado, the culture of Argentina is on full display at the 36th Festival Argentino in Arlington. The main event is Saturday's festival at Kenmore Middle School, with performances by the acclaimed folk group Los 4 de Córdoba and veteran rock singer Valerio Rinaldi, among other musicians and dancers. A marketplace offers Argentine products and crafts and food from local restaurants. Friday night's preview in Fairfax, which requires a separate ticket, includes asado demonstrations, DJs, dancing, food and wine.

When: Saturday from 3:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Where: Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington. *argentinefestival.org*.

Tickets: $15-$35.

Ballston Quarterfest Crawl

Ballston's biggest party brings music, food and drink deals, and family events to indoor and outdoor locations throughout the neighborhood. Stop in for Capitals-related activities at Ballston Quarter, games, live bands and DJs at bars and restaurants, and businesses offering all-day happy hours, free samples and other specials.

When: Saturday from noon to 7 p.m.

Where: Throughout Ballston. Maps and schedules available at *quarterfestballston.org*.

Admission: Free; food and drink prices vary.

Open Streets Brookland

The first of D.C.'s Open Streets events this year — and the only one until fall — shuts down Brookland's 12th Street NE between Michigan Avenue and Franklin Street for a full mile of events. Look for bands, DJs, bike demonstrations, dance and fitness classes, and a bubble parade filling the pavement, then head to Right Proper Brewing for a block party with new beers, a maker market and family activities.

When: Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Right Proper activities from noon to 6 p.m.)

Where: 12th Street NE between Franklin Street and Michigan Avenue. *openstreets.dc.gov*.

Admission: Free.

Plan Ahead

Noteworthy events over the next few weeks

Throughout the D.C. area, Juneteenth has long been a time of celebration: parades, festivals and events remembering the day in 1865 when the enslaved people of Galveston, Tex., were told that, "in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free," as had been promised in the Emancipation Proclamation 2½ years earlier.

It's a day for community, for learning about history and sharing lessons with the next generation. While Juneteenth is technically celebrated on Monday, June 19, commemorations and festivals begin as early as the previous Friday night.

June 17 National Museum of African American History and Culture's Juneteenth Community Day

"Senses of Freedom: The Taste, Sound and Experience of an African American Celebration" is the theme of the day-long celebration on the National Mall. A bonus: Most of the happenings take place outside and do not require advance tickets, which can be a problem at the popular museum. Highlights include tours of the museum's planting areas, learning about what's growing there, with a focus on plants that were carried to the United States from Africa. Other activities include a guided tour focused on the architecture of the museum, storytelling and a drop-in drum circle, complete with lessons. Inside, local actor, musician and educator Rex Carnegie presents "The Sounds of Juneteenth" in the Heritage Hall, and visitors can craft Juneteenth-inspired fans and beaded bracelets. Important note: The indoor activities require free reservations, which are available from the museum's website, with a maximum of two tickets per order. *11 a.m. to 3 p.m. nmaahc.si.edu. Free.*

June 17-19 View the Emancipation Proclamation and General Order No. 3

For three days, the Emancipation Proclamation, which decreed that enslaved people in the Confederate States of America "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free" as of Jan. 1, 1863, and General Order No. 3, which informed the enslaved of Texas about their freedom in June 1865, will be displayed together at the National Archives. The Emancipation Proclamation is so fragile that it's on public view for only a few days each year, making this a rare chance to get a look at history. *10 a.m. to 7 p.m. archivesfoundation.org. Free.*

June 17 Annapolis Juneteenth Parade and Festival

The Annapolis Juneteenth celebrations begin at noon at the City Dock, before thousands of participants — marching bands, floats, horseback riders, dance troupes and civic groups — make their way past the Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Memorial and through downtown to the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. The adjacent Bates Athletic Complex hosts a festival from 1 to 9:15 p.m. with music from hip-hop legend Rakim, R&B vocalist Vivian Green, gospel singer Le'Andria Johnson, go-go band Be'la Dona and other local performers. The festival also includes Watoto, the children's village, with interactive games and activities, and a marketplace full of vendors. Parking is available at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium ($5 per car), with a free shuttle to the festival grounds. *Parade at noon, festival at 1 p.m. theannapolisjuneteenth.org. Free.*



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The Juneteenth celebration in Annapolis features a parade that winds from the City Dock through downtown, passing the Maryland State House before heading to a festival with live music and family activities.

June 17-19 Annual Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival

The Scotland community of Potomac was founded by formerly enslaved people in the 1870s and 1880s. Its annual Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival is undergoing "a significant expansion" this year to three days of events, with a "Motown and oldies concert and dance party" at Bethesda Blues and Jazz on Saturday and a day of service and interfaith worship service on Sunday. This leads up to a slew of events on Monday, including the Freedom Day concert headlined by Wyclef Jean and Tarrus Riley at the Howard County Fairgrounds; the Celebrate Juneteenth film festival at the AFI Silver Theatre; a baseball and softball clinic and baseball game at Shirley Povich Field in Rockville honoring Negro Leagues star Clarence "Pint" Isreal; and a community festival at Cabin John Village from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring a classic car show, talent show, children's carnival, arts and craft activities, and a history pavilion with stories of the local area. *See juneteenthscotland.org for a full schedule. Ticket prices vary.*

June 17 Juneteenth: Journey to Freedom

Montgomery County's annual Juneteenth celebration at the BlackRock Center for the Arts is a day full of activities for all ages: live music from artists including the Chuck Brown Band and jazz pianist Marcus Johnson; movie screenings including "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," "King Richard" and the documentary "Slavery By Another Name"; family-friendly arts and crafts, such as mask making and paint-and-sip classes; dance performances and workshops; and a digital scavenger hunt. *Noon to 10 p.m. blackrockcenter.org. Free*.

June 19 Step Afrika! 'Step Xplosion'

The Step Afrika! dance troupe is well known in the D.C. area, but this new work, inspired by Black Lives Matter and the activism of 2020 and choreographed by the troupe's Conrad Kelly II, has been performed only in New York. In keeping with the company's mandate to foster the growth of the dance known as stepping, this performance also features appearances by five step teams from across the region, including the Blue MaDness Stroll Team from Bowie State University and the high school girls of Baltimore's Fatal Attraction Step Squad. Tickets include a 30-minute step workshop for all levels, but RSVPs are required. *7 p.m. strathmore.org. $35-$75*.

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Wed, Jun 7, Thu, Jun 8 & Fri, Jun 9, 10am–5pm

Hillwood members are invited to explore *Glass: Art. Beauty. Design.* in advance of the official opening.

Gardener's Focus Tour: Bounty of the Cutting Garden

Tue, Jun 6 & 13, 2:30–3pm
Fri, Jun 9 & 16, 2:30–3pm

This summer, unearth the boundless beauty of the cutting garden!

Preschool Program: Sensational Scents

Tue, Jun 13, 10:30–11:15am

How Plants Grow

Tue, Jun 27, 10:30–11:15am

You and your preschooler can experience the wonder of Hillwood through make-believe, hands-on art-making, and imaginative play. Join us for a different theme every second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

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Thu, Jun 22, 6–10:30pm

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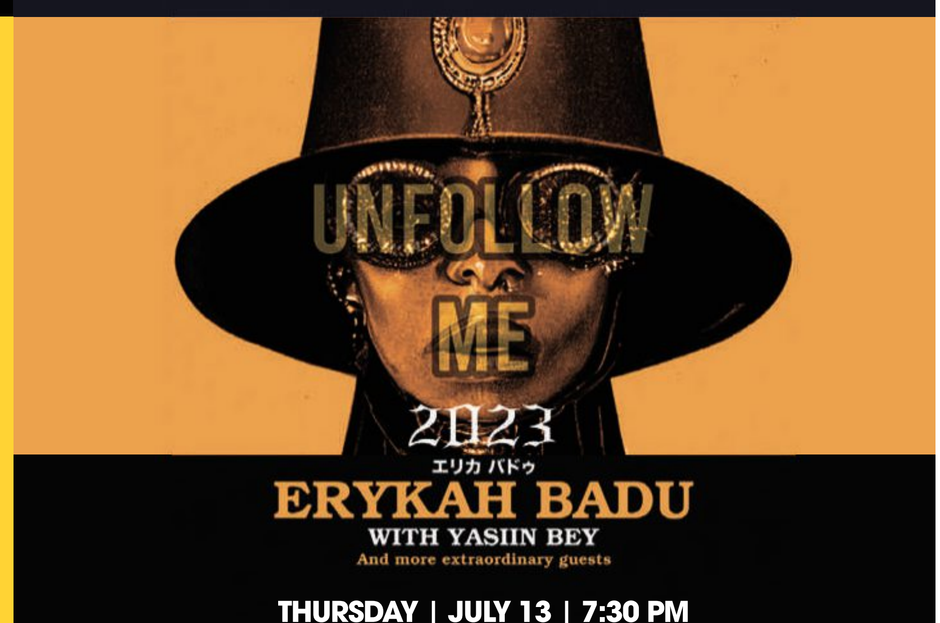
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GUSTAVO MARINHO

Bucky Malone lets his hypnotic beats evolve

BY CHRIS KELLY

Rapper Bucky Malone, coming to Pie Shop on Thursday, slowed down and focused on experimentation for his 2022 release "The Purple Album." He also partnered with D.C.'s WiFiGawd for "Polo's & 40 Below$."

The first beat Bucky Malone remembers rapping over — through a voice recorder app on a "big, bulky desktop computer" — was Mike Jones's breakthrough "Still Tippin'," a 2004 smash that helped put a generation of Houston rappers on the map.

"It was something about that beat that just had me in a trance," the 31-year-old Virginia rapper says, adding about that first recording session: "It was low budget … but the allure and feeling of recording myself and hearing myself was like, 'I think I'm on to something.'"

Since that early experiment, Malone has continued rapping, evolving and perfecting his craft along the way. But that syrupy groove of "Still Tippin'" — and the time and space to luxuriate in the lyricism that it provides — looms large in Malone's music, as he briskly delivers flows over hypnotic beats that are alternately menacing, mysterious and mischievous.

That's the case all over Malone's 2022 release "The Purple Album." After years of taking a workhorse approach to releasing music, he decided to focus on storytelling and experimentation: He slowed down and got deeper into music that he dubbed "purple" due to feelings caused by synesthesia.

Those purple vibes also permeate "Polo's & 40 Below$," a collaborative album with D.C. innovator WiFiGawd. Despite being best known as an MC, Malone had asked WiFi for beats, and their first team-up became the R&B-tinged "Lil' Baby 2," a track that inspired the full-length collaboration.

"It was real organic," Malone says of the partnership. "I'm not going to sit here and be like, 'We planned this, we knew this' — we just linked up and the chemistry was just undeniable."

While comfortable at slower tempos, Malone can turn up the dial, too: He tapped CalvoMusic for a Baltimore club remix of "Lil' Baby 2." But he has also been able to bring the influence of Houston rap full circle, linking this year with Slim K of the Chopstars, who chopped and screwed the entire "Purple Album" in his trademark "ChopNotSlop" style.

For Malone, tweaking his music to reflect regional sounds and styles is vital, not just to get his tracks played in other places but to let people know where he's coming from and where he's been — growing up in Baileys Crossroads and Manassas in Virginia and Prince George's County in Maryland or spending time with family up and down Interstate 95.

"I try to pay as much homage as possible because I touch a lot of soil — whether it's in Texas, Atlanta, Cali — and I'm influenced by all of their culture," he says. "That's my way of connecting with people. … I'm bringing VA with me, but I also want to let them know that I'm embracing their cultures as well."

Thursday at 8 p.m. at Pie Shop, 1339 H St. NE. events.pieshopdc.com. $12-$15.

Pop-punk, rap mash-ups and more shows to catch

BY HABEN KELATI

Paramore

In the almost two decades since Paramore's debut, the generation-defining pop-punk band has resisted attempts to capitalize on the nostalgia of its older hits. Lead singer Hayley Williams, guitarist Taylor York and drummer Zac Farro have continued to steer their music into new territory while remaining true to their angsty core. On the 2017 album "After Laughter," the band turned to glittery synth, its signature anxious pop songs shinier than usual. On "This Is Why," released in February, Paramore's pop-punk survey of the times leans into a rockier edge. A post-pandemic setting gives the band unlimited tension to tap into, as seen on the titular opening track. "This is why I don't leave the house / You say the coast is clear, but you won't catch me out," Williams sings in her melodic style that has entranced fans for years. There are scattered-sounding guitars and drums around Williams's voice, mimicking the distorted times the song is about. Paramore's clear-eyed take on angst hasn't changed. *Friday at 7 p.m. at Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW. capitalonearena.com. Only verified resale tickets available.*

454

There's always a lot going on during a 454 song. The Florida-born rapper is unusually good at harnessing a kind of musical chaos that still feels harmonious. 454, whose real name is Willie Wilson, loves glitchy production and Auto-Tuned vocals and often pairs them with an R&B sample. The opener "Late Night," off Wilson's first mixtape "4 Real," uses a Brent Faiyaz song to create a hyper-pop-sounding rap song, and it works. The slower R&B sounds somehow fit with Wilson's rapid-fire delivery, quickly guiding listeners through a late night filled with both dark thoughts and breezy observations. "Peace and blessings to my family up in heaven, lost a couple few / I lost my pops in 2009," he raps, right after referencing Kid 'n Play's comedic House Party movie series. On Wilson's 2022 project, "Fast Trax 3," the rapper continues smashing new hip-hop aesthetics with classic R&B sounds and takes songs to even higher levels. "Stitch + Lilo" samples luscious "oohs" from R&B's most celebrated and most recognizable

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ATLANTIC RECORDS

The generation-defining pop-punk band Paramore, which released "This Is Why" in February, will play Friday at Capital One Arena.



MICHAEL TYRONE DELANEY

English folk singer Fenne Lily, whose album "Big Picture" was released this year, is coming Sunday night to the Black Cat.

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voice right now, SZA. The beat is undeniable, and Wilson's speedy, Auto-Tuned delivery makes the song a certified ear worm. "Better stand back, baby, just don't be close / Blowin' up like C4 / I be geekin' just like Stitch and Lilo," Wilson raps, flipping the cartoon characters' names to make a rhyme work. He's having fun, and it's infectious. *Friday at 10 p.m. at Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW. cometpingpong.com. $18-$22.*

Fenne Lily

There's nothing casual about listening to Fenne Lily. The English folk singer's soft production choices and calming, sometimes whispering voice are soothing. But Lily's dainty and haunting melodies are anchored by sharp lyrics ready to slice. The song "2+2" from her 2023 album "Big Picture" is a perfect example. The intimate and slow-paced drums are the deserved cushion for Lily's creamy voice. "Would you defend me like a point of view? / Even when both are changing?" she asks matter-of-factly. "Do you believe me like the gospel truth? / Or is the feeling fading?" she adds to a heartbreaking line of questions; this time her voice quivers with the weight of it all. You might think you're safe from devastating relationship revelations on the sunnier "Lights Light Up," but you'd be wrong. There's an upbeat guitar that glitters and lyrics glowing in the light of new love like, "We held each other while everything burned up around us / And inside of me, too / That's called love." But before the song ends, Lily gets real with herself. "And though we don't really talk about it often / The fear of this getting old," she sings. There it is. *Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (doors open) at the Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW. blackcatdc.com. $22-$25.*

Radiator Hospital

Indie band Radiator Hospital's lo-fi pop songs are hard to resist. The band, which was formed in Grand Rapids, Mich., by Sam Cook-Parrott, makes songs that sometimes feel like a cozy hug. It has never abandoned the DIY approach that has become an integral part of its identity. When "My Fire," the opening song of the band's 2019 album "Sings 'Music for Daydreaming,'" begins, there's just a piano as Cook-Parrott sings about a breakup, his voice sounding sadly detached. "Living in your head / The movie's over," he sings. The piano playing becomes grander, and more of Cook-Parrott's vocals are layered on top of one another, before a rousing yet somber chorus begins. Cook-Parrott sings, "You don't light my fire," over and over, a simple answer to a complicated question. That's what Radiator Hospital is really good at: making the complicated simple. On the band's latest album, "Can't Make Any Promises," the song "Warming World" is a master class in distilling something so big into something digestible. It's mostly an instrumental song, a melancholy, analog-sounding synth dreamscape. Two minutes in, listeners arrive at a verse that starts with: "Nothing you do is gonna make it stop / There's no escape in a warming world." What else is there to say? *Sunday at 9 p.m. at Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW. cometpingpong.com. $15.*






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A new show with a new Neal Brennan

The comedian and 'Chappelle's Show' co-creator, who's struggled with depression, is 'healthier than I've ever been emotionally'

BY THOMAS FLOYD

At the conclusion of "Blocks," Neal Brennan's Netflix stand-up special released in November, the 49-year-old comedian found himself at a mental health crossroads.

After spending his hour-long set confronting various impediments to his happiness, Brennan cycled through the cures he has tried for his depression — therapy, ketamine, transcranial magnetic stimulation, extreme psychedelics — and pleaded for internal acceptance. "I just grind and attack myself relentlessly like it's my job," he told his audience. "I would love to stop."

Six months later, as Brennan takes his latest stand-up show, "Brand New Neal," to D.C., where is he on that journey?

"When I say 'Brand New Neal,' it's because I'm having fewer emotional disorders than I've had," Brennan says. "I would say I'm healthier than I've ever been emotionally."

Brennan has even turned "Blocks" into a platform for others' soul-searching, launching a podcast by the same name in which celebrity guests wrestle with their demons. This week, he will resume unpacking his own emotional baggage with performances at the Kennedy Center on Friday.

In a recent phone interview, the "Chappelle's Show" co-creator discussed shaping his latest show, the notion of comedians being "under attack" and his long-term emotional well-being.

(This interview has been edited for length and clarity.)

If you go

BRAND NEW NEAL

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Terrace Theater, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600. kennedy-center.org.

Date: Friday at 7 and 9 p.m.

Price: $35.



ERIC MICHAEL PEARSON

Neal Brennan, known for his comedy specials "3 Mics" and "Blocks," will bring his latest material to the Kennedy Center. Part of the show deals with what it's like to be in comedy at this cultural moment.

Q: In your 2017 special "3 Mics," you used those three microphones to deliver three different styles of comedy. In "Blocks," you used toylike figures to represent facets of your personality. What do you like about structuring your stand-up in such unconventional ways?

A: It's a way to stand out. It's a way to express more than just a monologue, or certainly a monologue of glib self-confidence. Now, having said that, the show I'm doing in D.C. has no structure — I mean, it has structure, but it's not like that. It's not "3 Mics." It's not "Blocks." It doesn't have a different dramatic ethos.

Q: You told the New Yorker last fall that you had 45 to 50 minutes of material but that you hadn't found a way to turn it into a special. Is "Brand New Neal" that material?

A: Yeah, and now it's an hour-plus. It's coalescing into a very good hour, so I'm not going to force myself to do a [unique] structure that isn't there. So I have some bad news: My show is structured like a Bill Burr show.

Q: What's the foundation of "Brand New Neal"?

A: I'm kind of hopeful, in that if you can't make it to absolutely pure 100 percent emotional health, there's a lot of upside to having imperfect emotional health. One of the bits toward the end of the show is that most great things in life come from psychopaths and drug addicts. Most of Freud's books should be called "This May Be the Cocaine Talking." Like, there's something positive about mental illness. Then I go through a litany of musicians, a litany of comedians, and I'm a little more accepting of the idea that I may be optimized for one thing — as are many, many of my comedy sisters and brothers.

Q: What else do you cover in the show?

A: There's two big sections to the material I'm doing. One, I'm sort of living online. And then the second half is the world that I inhabit now where almost every time I pick my phone up, there's an alert of, like, your friend is in trouble — whether it's Dave Chappelle or Chris Rock or Joe Rogan or Kevin Hart. Comedy is such a focal point in culture now that it's just an odd situation to be in comedy. There's just always something.

Q: Do you find yourself walking on eggshells when writing your stand-up because so many comedians are being called out for their jokes or remarks?

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SHOW NAME	DATES & TIMES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	PRICE	ADDITIONAL
THEATRE					
Iphigenia written by Kerry McGee	May 26 - June 17	This new adaptation of the Greek play blends classic tragedy with madcap irreverence.	**Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St SE www.wehappyfewdc.com/ iphigenia**	$25 General Admission	Performances: Thurs-Sat at 7:30pm
KUMANANA! An Afro-Peruvian Musical Revue	Thru June 22 Wed–Sat at 8 pm Sun at 2 pm	Experience the power of the African beats and the resilience of a people that spurred change in a culture. Be part of the movement.	**GALA Theatre 3333 14th Street NW 202-234-71 74 www.galatheatre.org**	$25-$48	In Spanish with English surtitles
Shear Madness The Kennedy Center Theater Lab	Regular Schedule: Tuesday–Friday at 8 Saturday at 6 & 9 Sunday at 3 & 7	Take a stab at catching the killer at this wildly popular comedy whodunit that keeps audiences laughing all over the world. "Shrieks of laughter night after night at the Kennedy Center." (Washington Post)	**The Kennedy Center Theater Lab Student Rush Tickets Available Tickets: 202-467-4600 Groups: 202-416-8400 www.shearmadness.com**	Tickets Available at the Box Office. Great Group Rates for 15 or More	Added Shows: Mon at 8PM Tue at 5PM Wed at 5PM Thu at 5PM
MUSIC - CONCERTS					
INTERNATIONAL FAVORITES! Svetlana Nikonova, Conductor	Saturday, June 3, 8 pm, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, Md. Sunday, June 11, 3 pm, Capital One Hall, 7750 Capital One Tower Rd., Tysons, Va.	WBS' audience will take a musical trip around the world with selections from Austria, France, Italy, Poland, Russia and of course, America! Repertoire will include Schubert's, Serenade, Bizet's Habanera, Dvorak's, Slavonic Dance #8, Massenet's Meditation, and a medley of American favorites.	**Fitzgerald Box Office 240-314-8690 Capital One Hall boxoffice@capitalonehall.com**	Adult $30. Senior/Military $25. Student $15. Child Under 12 $5.	balalaika@ balalaika.org
LOS 4 DE CÓRDOBA by Festival Argentino	Saturday, June 3rd Food Sale Door Opens at 3:30 pm Show at 5:50 pm	LOS 4 DE CÓRDOBA & over 21 Top Level Artists from Argentina. Music, Tango, Dances, Folk, Rock-Pop Exhibitors. Argentine Asado Chef Vilmar Paiva and local artists from USA	**Kenmore Middle School 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd Arlington, Virginia Bus Route 4AB/25B Tickets:tickeri.com 888.981.7218 www.argentinefestival.org**	$25 advance $35 at door raffle included with admission	
Nat'l. Community Band Festival	Sat., June 3 4:30-8:30 Sun., June 4 1:00-4:30	Sat. - Falls Church Band, Herndon Reg. Wind Ensemble, Arlington Concert Band Sun. - Fairfax Main Street Band, Loudoun Symph. Winds, Fairfax Wind Symphony	**GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall in Fairfax, VA**	$15, $8 Senior $5 Youth	703-993-2787 for tickets
Old & New American Songs Erin Freeman, Artistic Director	Sunday, June 4, 2023 5:00 PM	Featuring John Corigliano's masterpiece *Fern Hill* and Samuel Barber's *Reincarnations*. To a set of Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*, the City Choir will add commissions of "New American Songs" by composers with DC connections: Armando Bayolo, Jessica Krash, and City Choir's own Robert Shafer.	**Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall 4915 E. Campus Dr. Alexandria, VA 22311 citychoir.org**	$15–$59	Group & student discounts available
Summer Concert Series with the Airmen of Note	Saturday, June 3 at 7 P.M. at National Harbor Tuesday, June 6 at 8 P.M. at the U.S. Capitol Steps	Join the Airmen of Note for two FREE concerts in the Summer Concert Series on Saturday evening at the National Harbor Waterfront and Tuesday evening on the West Lawn at the steps of the U.S. Capitol.	**Saturday at Plaza Stage National Harbor Blvd Oxon Hill, MD Tuesday at U.S. Capitol West Lawn Washington, D.C. MORE INFORMATION AT USAIRFORCEBAND.COM**	FREE	Find The U.S. Air Force Band on FB/IG @ USAFBand and YouTube @ TheUSAF Band
The Apollo Orchestra Presents Conductor David Chan with Soprano Hera Hyesang Park	Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 4 PM	The Apollo Orchestra presents Mozart Overture to "The Magic Flute, Selections from operas by Rossini, Mozart, and Mascagni, Schubert Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished", and Mendelssohn Overture to "Midsummer Nights Dream." FREE ADMISSION - Advanced reservations highly recommended!	**Church of the Resurrection 3315 Greencastle Rd. Burtonsville, MD 20866 https://apollo-june-4-concert.eventbrite.com**	Free	Free parking
MUSIC - CHAMBER					
The Kobayashi/ Gray Duo Music by Women	Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m.	The Kobayashi/Gray Duo, winner of the prestigious U.S. Information Agency Artistic Ambassador auditions, is in demand for skillful presentations of the standard repertoire and of the works of more than 25 women composers.	**The Alden 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, Va. 22101 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 aldentheatre.org**	$10/$7 seniors, students	Free, onsite parking
MUSIC - CHORAL					
CHANTRY Sings Josquin and Byrd David Taylor, director	Saturday June 10, 7:00 p.m.	**Renaissance Music for Corpus Christi** Josquin's great *Missa Pange lingua* Byrd's glorious *Corpus Christi Propers*	**St. Bernadette Church 70 University Blvd. East Silver Spring, MD chantrydc.org**	$45 ($25 23-29, $10 22/under)	tickets at door or on chantrydc.org 202-625-2855

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A: This thing that comedians are under attack, I just reject. Meaning, being the center of culture and being under attack are two different things. I don't believe that Dave is under attack [because of his jokes about transgender people]. Most of the people I know that are "under attack" are doing arenas. I think it's just a matter of all of these other quadrants of society have failed. I'll go with clergy and politicians — they've proven to be sort of corrupt. So somebody like Dave or somebody like Chris or somebody like Joe becomes reliable. I don't think it's because [comedians] are so morally superior. I think it's because we don't ever pretend we are. Because we never pretend we are, people go, "Well, there's an honest broker."

> *"If you can't make it to absolutely pure 100 percent emotional health, there's a lot of upside to having imperfect emotional health."*
>
> **Comedian Neal Brennan,** on mental illness

Q: In "Blocks," you mention your roots as a writer and acknowledge feeling insecure about your status as a stand-up comic. How has the positive response to the show affected your thinking?

A: The embarrassing thing about success is that it works. So I would argue that my baseline self-esteem might be a little higher. I do so many things, as I've itemized repeatedly in the shows, in terms of mental health — whether it's medication or therapy or ayahuasca and DMT and meditation and all this stuff. Then throw a bit of cultural acceptance in there, and I feel good. That's why the name of the show is "Brand New Neal."

Q: Beyond this show, what would you like to do going forward?

A: Most of my goals now are not professional, which is a little disappointing for an article about my profession. But most of my goals now are just emotional. Like, I would like my consciousness to feel a certain way most of the time in my body. So some of that is professional, and some of that's just, for lack of a less squishy term, a spiritual pursuit and practice. I just think many of us are trained as human American people to achieve these professional things to affect our mood. Once you realize that, you go, "Well, how can I affect my mood independent of a boss or an achievement or an accomplishment or a goal?" So that's where I am.

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MUSIC - CHORAL					
CHORAL ARTS AWAKEN YOUR WORLD **Haydn's *Mass for Troubled Times*** DiOrio's *Solaris* Hailstork's *I Will LIft Up Mine Eyes*	Sun, June 11 | 5 pm	Dr. André J. Thomas leads the 120-voice Choral Arts Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra and soloists Danielle Talamantes, Alexandra Colaizzi, Kevin Punnackal, and James Shaffran in Haydn's *Mass for Troubled Times*, often known as the *Lord Nelson Mass*.	**Kennedy Center Concert Hall 2700 F St NW ChoralArts.org 202.244.3669**	Tickets start at $15	Run time: 1 hour 45 minutes, one intermission
POLYHYMNIA CHAMBER CHORUS **Polyhymnia Chamber Chorus Spring Concerts**	Saturday, June 3, 8 pm	Spring into summer with some exceptional choral music! Enjoy a cappella works by Schütz, Kodály, Vulpius, Gregg Smith, and others	**North Bethesda United Methodist, 10100 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda www.polyhymniasings.org**	FREE, no tickets required	Steven Beck, Music Director
MUSIC - ORCHESTRAL					
NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC AT STRATHMORE **Carmina Burana & Hailstork's Fifth Symphony** Piotr Gajewski, conductor	June 4, 2023 at 3 p.m.	NatPhil ends the 2022-2023 Season with Carmina Burana and the world premiere of Adolphus Hailstork's Fifth Symphony, featuring the NatPhil Chorale and soloists Danielle Talamantes, Aundi Marie Moore, Robert Baker, and Brandon Hendrickson	**The Music Center at Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Lane North Bethesda, MD 20852 Ticket Office: 301-581-5100 nationalphilharmonic.org**	$19-99	All Kids. All Free. All the Time.
OPERA					
Secret Garden Concerts **Mozart's Magic Flute** OPERA in the Secret Garden	THUR, June 8 at 5pm FRI, June 9 at 5pm	MOZART'S MAGIC FLUTE OPERA returns to the Secret Garden in Old Town Alexandria. Immerse yourself in this audience favorite sung in German with English dialogue. Talented performers from Alexandria Summer Nights Young Artists Program.	**Secret Garden - Rectory 711 Princess St, Alexandria classicalmovements.com/ secretgardenconcerts/**	$50 adult $35 child	703-683-6040 x217
DANCE					
ALDEN SMALL STAGE. BIG TALENT. **"Recordando la Alhambra"** Furia Flamenca	Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m.	"Recordando La Alhambra" fuses the music and choreography of Middle Eastern culture—a contributing influence to the flamenco genre—with more traditional flamenco. Discover the similarities between these two bohemian art forms.	**The Alden 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, Va. 22101 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 aldentheatre.org**	$25/$20 students, seniors	Free, onsite parking
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Sakina Hassan, Meg Ryan, John Herbert and Liam Carolan enjoy brunch at Le Mont Royal in Adams Morgan, which serves Canadian-influenced dishes.

10 bottomless brunches for every appetite

BY FRITZ HAHN, OLIVIA MCCORMACK AND SOPHIA SOLANO

Bringing a party? A date? A dog? There's a spot for you.

D.C. is a city that loves its brunches, but we really, *really* love our bottomless brunches. We like to look at the bigger picture: You might finish an order of eggs Benny and home fries in 30 minutes, but you can spend a lot longer chatting with friends or a date while lingering over never-ending carafes of mimosas. (Time to head home? Well, actually, maybe just one more …)

When we started discussing which restaurants and nightspots we might put in a guide to bottomless brunches, we were almost overwhelmed by the number of options, which shows just how much brunch has come roaring back from pandemic-enforced closures. So we spent more than a month dedicating our weekends — sometimes Saturday *and* Sunday — to exploring D.C.'s bottomless scene, for better or worse. We made the reservations, paid for our food and tried to figure out who we'd bring back: A bachelorette party? A third date? Our dog, or a friend's dog?

Still, we're only three brunchers, and this guide could have included dozens more options. So we're asking you: Where's your favorite brunch spot, and what makes it rise above the competition? Email us at goingoutguide@washpost.com, including your full name, and we might use your recommendation in a future story.

In the meantime, bottoms up.

Best for large groups

Mission, *1221 Van St. SE. missionnavyyard.com.*

When: Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What's bottomless: $28 for mimosas, margaritas, Bud Lights and bloody marys.

What to eat: Tex-Mex breakfast dishes, like tomatillo chilaquiles or steak and egg tacos.

The scene: Imagine the nightmare brunch scenario: You have a date on the calendar, the evites are sent, the reservation is made, the outfits are picked. Then your crew arrives with a few too many tag-alongs, leaving waiters to scramble for extra chairs as everyone packs around a too-small table and the whole thing devolves into cramped, grumpy awkwardness. That doesn't happen at Mission Navy Yard, where there are eight (eight!) different event spaces available to rent — granted, some of these spaces are, literally, a nook between the edge of the bar and the wall. But you can also rent private rooms, or even the entire restaurant. Mission Navy Yard has four bars, including one it claims is the largest in the city, measuring a whopping 150 feet. And on the second floor, six garage doors open to balconies. There's no room rental fee, but some spaces do come with a minimum — a perfect way to encourage plus-one invites to graduation gatherings, wedding after-parties, alumni events and corporate receptions.

The food, billed as Tex-Mex, is a heavy hangover antidote. A waitress tells me that she's never had a complaint about the breakfast burrito, filled with rice, beans and scrambled eggs, and that the vegan mushroom tacos are mistakenly overlooked. Remember that bottomless drinks are served only with the order of a menu item (chips don't count!), and only if the whole table is partaking (though exceptions are made for those who don't drink). There's no time limit, but groups of five or more doing bottomless are subject to a 20 percent automatic gratuity.

Best for brunch for a bachelorette bash

Creole on 14th, *3345 14th St NW. creole14thdc.com.*

When: Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What's bottomless: All guests much purchase a $65 brunch package, which includes a starter or oyster bar selection, one entree, and bottomless mimosas.

What to eat: Anything seafood.

The scene: Creole on 14th has a "liquid for breakfast brunch," according to one of its waitresses, so it's no wonder the brunch package is for those 21-plus. The seafood spot in Columbia Heights knows how to party, and its outdoor patio is frequently a photo shoot location for post-brunch bachelor and bachelorette events. The indoor tables are ideal for packing in friends to dish about last night's drama. A live DJ joins the festivities at 12:30 p.m., and the party really ramps up at about 1:30 p.m. Groups of six or fewer are given 90 minutes to enjoy their seafood entrees, and parties of seven and more are given two hours. If you don't like seafood, there are still options, including steak and eggs and French toast, but the stars of the menu are seafood-centric — crab cake Benedict and shrimp and grits. Mimosa flavors change weekly but generally include some sweet flavors like peach or blackberry.

Best to bring a date

Ala, *1320 19th St. NW. ala-dc.com.*

When: Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





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TOP RIGHT: Drinks at Le Mont Royal include Caesars, a Canadian take on the bloody mary (pictured are the Rouge and Vert versions), and the Spritz du Soleil, center. ABOVE: The breakfast burrito at Mission in Navy Yard, which also features other Tex-Mex breakfast dishes like tomatillo chilaquiles and steak and egg tacos.

What's bottomless: Make-your-own mimosas, plus bloody marys.

What to eat: Levantine cuisine, including the shakshuka omelet and sucuk and eggs.

The scene: What's more romantic than sipping rose-infused drinks on velvet upholstered chairs in an upscale, dimly lit space? This is the timeless setting that makes Ala's mimosa bar all the more fun. As a waiter explains on arrival, the bottomless deal includes a make-your-own drink station that has cranberry and orange juices; rose and orange blossom water; lavender, watermelon and rose syrups; floral and fruity toppings; and, of course, champagne. If you plan on making frequent trips from your table to the mimosa stand, this deal is best enjoyed in pairs or small groups — too much getting up and down to do with a large group.

Included in the $44 price is a three-course meal selected from a wide-ranging menu. The plates are small but mighty. The feta croquette starter is a standout for its creamy spinach and potato center, and the autumn spice cobbler features braised pears and rich Turkish coffee. As a main dish, the chilbir, a poached egg served over earthy, refreshing sumac-spiced yogurt with warm grilled bread, is worth getting out of bed for.

The menu is entirely halal, including cheeses, and the drinks can flow for 90 minutes after the start of your reservation. If you don't feel like journeying back and forth to the mimosa bar, you can request drinks be brought to your table. But what's the fun in that?

Best for (plenty rowdy) party brunch vibes

The Park at 14th, *920 14th St. NW, park14.com.*

When: Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What's bottomless: Mimosas — and the food. $60 for two hours.

What to eat: As many plates of bottomless food as you can stomach. This brunch runs later, so the food is a mix of classic breakfast and savory lunch choices.

The scene: Bottomless mimosas and bottomless food are a match made in party brunch heaven, and the Park at 14th knows how to party. This four-story establishment comes to life as guests fill the dimly lit tables and music reverberates off the chandeliers. This nightclub, which has bottle

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service prices ranging from $100 to $7,000, brings the club atmosphere to brunch.

There are no menus; brunch-goes are just asked about their mimosa pitcher preference and are given a plate with all the food options. From there, you can decide what you like and want more of while watching patrons take shots in broad daylight and enjoying the champagne sparkler party unfolding around you. It's the perfect meal for the indecisive eater who wants to party while they pick at their plate. The DJ comes in at noon and the party ramps up at about 2 p.m., with a waitress saying, "Brunch before noon is for the civilized." This brunch is not for the light of heart or the light drinker. Though each table is given a pitcher of its mimosa preference so people can refill at their leisure, the waitstaff comes by the tables to make sure you're finishing your glasses: "It's bottomless, right?" Most brunches want to quell the party; the Park wants to ramp it up.

Best for (not too rowdy) party brunch vibes

Bar Chinois, *455 I St. NW. barchinoisdc.com.*

When: Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What's bottomless: $20 for mimosas, vodka spritzers and select beers for two hours.

What to eat: Chinese-inspired dishes, including breakfast fried rice, crab Rangoon and bao.

The scene: A DJ working decks in the front window of this industrial Mount Vernon Triangle spot provides the steady thump-thump-thump of house music. A couple holding cocktails by the bar shimmy; two women heading for the restrooms are compelled to dance their way through the crowd. And yet, when a server stops by to ask if she can refill the crémant d'Alsace in my grapefruit mimosa, I don't have any trouble hearing her, or chatting with my wife across the table.

At some point, we realize the last thing we want on a Sunday morning is a brunch where the music is throbbing as urgently as last night's hangover, but we're also not trying to brunch with friends in the quiet car. Bar Chinois, which has become something of an industry hangout in the two years it's been open, is a happy medium: The vibe is upbeat, the crowd buzzes, but it doesn't threaten to become a full-on rave. Which is fine, because it makes it easier to enjoy the breakfast fried rice, packed with sweet sausage and topped with a fried egg, or the savory apricot dipping sauce that accompanies the decadent crab Rangoon.

Pro tip: Book a later brunch slot if you want to keep hanging out after you eat, as cocktails are half-price from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Best for drag brunch

City Tap House Dupont Circle, *1250 Connecticut Ave. NW. citytap.com.*

When: Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 2 p.m.

What's bottomless: $35 for mimosas.

What to eat: The Big Chick (fried chicken sandwich with sausage gravy and fried egg on a biscuit) and pecan pie French toast.

The scene: "Is that an aperol spritz? Chug it." That's the order drag queen Crystal Edge gives to a patron in her introduction to City Tap's drag brunch. Though it's barely noon, the mimosas are already flowing as queens (including "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 2 star Tatianna) strut across the restaurant in sky-high heels and glittery outfits. Lip-syncing hits by Beyoncé, Pink and other icons, they collect dollars from diners who dance as best as they can between forkfuls of avocado toast and gravy-smothered "hangover pizza." Expect audience interaction (read: don't be shocked at the announcement of a twerking competition), especially at the end of the meal when guests are invited to a restaurant-wide dance party. Unlike at some other local drag brunches, the menu is a la carte, and an ATM is provided in case you don't have cash on hand for tips. Mimosas are the only drink included in the bottomless deal, but you can get $9 mimosas, bloody marys and "beermosas," which are cheaper than bottomless if you don't plan to have more than three drinks, or tag on a $10 shot. They come in varieties like "single ladies," "bridezilla shooter" and "birthday blitz," though a waiter couldn't tell me which liquors constitute each drink — just that "they all have whipped cream."

Best for bringing your dog to brunch

Prost, *919 Fifth St. NW. prostdc.com.*

When: Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for 90 minutes.

What's bottomless: $30 for mimosas, Spaten drafts and bloody marys.

What to eat: German-inspired dishes that range from savory bratwurst to sweet Deutsch babies.

The scene: Dogs need brunch, too, or, perhaps more accurately, they need to go with you to brunch. The comfortably covered picnic tables at Prost allow for easy dining with canines, or cats in backpacks. Located in the heart of Mount Vernon Triangle, this German restaurant has a 1.5-hour bottomless brunch on weekends. Heavily beer-focused, it has 11 variations of German and Austrian draft beers on tap, perfect for brunch-goers who are tired of just chugging down mimosas. The vibe is laid-back and relaxed — this is not a dance-on-the-tables type of brunch. You come here to have a beer or cocktail with friends and enjoy the city coming to life around you as the day wears on.

Prost has water bowls and treats available for your dog, though your pet may just prefer a side of bacon. The standout of the menu is the "Deutsch baby!!," which is a delightfully fluffy German pancake and is offered in either a sweet or a savory variation. Warning: The sweet option is fairly light, so you may need a hearty side dish if you're hoping to get through your bottomless adventure and still be able to stand upright.

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LEFT: Dishes including a smoked meat croque madame at Le Mont Royal. RIGHT: Annie Grinnals, Kendall Divers, Lucy Rodgers and Malea Laquihon eat brunch at Mission.

Best for something other than bacon and eggs

Han Palace-Woodley Park, *2649 Connecticut Ave. NW. hanpalacedc.com.*

When: Every day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

What's bottomless: $18 for mimosas.

What to eat: Dim sum, like soup dumplings and bean curd beef balls.

The scene: Traditional brunch is great, but some combination of eggs and meat on repeat every weekend can get stale. Even the lunch options that sometimes appear on brunch menus, like chicken sandwiches or salads, don't always break you out of the rut. If you're ready to switch things up, head to Han Palace-Woodley Park, where the only pancake option is filled with scallions and meant to be dipped in a ginger or soy sauce (options that are lined up in gorgeous ceramics for ease of use at every table). The Chinese restaurant, which opened last year — and has sister locations in McLean and on Capitol Hill — offers authentic dim sum dishes priced cheaply enough to order several. Its distinctive decor, including two full-size fake trees strung with Chinese lanterns, sets the mood. The line to get a table can stretch out the door, but the service is fast and friendly once you're seated. Choose from a menu full of soup dumplings, filled with salty broth and a ball of ground pork, and crab meat or scallion dumplings, which you can't get at the location on Barracks Row. If you're missing sweet brunch options, try a purple egg yolk bun with an oozing center or a creamy taro coconut tapioca. And if all those buns still aren't enough to make you fall back in love with brunch, don't fret: At the Barracks Row location, there's also an option for bottomless dim sum.

Best for folks who don't love mimosas

Le Mont Royal, *1815 Adams Mill Rd. NW. lemontdc.com.*

When: Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

What's bottomless: $30 for mimosas; $50 for mimosas, Caesars (a.k.a. "Canadian bloody marys"), draft cocktails, beer and wine for 90 minutes.

What to eat: Canadian-influenced dishes, such as egg-topped poutine, or the "full Canadian" breakfast with Canadian bacon.

The scene: The phrase "brunch drinks" conjures the sight and flavor of sticky-sweet, under-carbonated mimosas, or bloody marys thick as ketchup. At Le Mont Royal, the disco-ball-filled, Canadian-inspired bar and nightspot in Adams Morgan, bartenders make an offer that's hard to refuse: Instead of paying $30 for unlimited mimosas, you can pay $50 for, well, just about anything for up to 90 minutes. Prefer your sparkling beverage to be a refreshingly bitter house sbagliato instead of a mimosa? Want to wake up with the Polar Express, an espresso martini fueled by cold brew, amaro and a maple-vanilla foam reminiscent of pancakes? Not a problem. Then there are the Caesars — a Canadian take on the bloody mary that adds clam broth to the tomato juice. Le Mont Royal offers a trio of variations: a classic vodka-and-Clamato version; the Vert, a tart mix of tequila, tomatillos and anchovy, which adds more umami than fishy flavors; and the Jaune, which looks to Japan for inspiration and is made with shochu and kombu.

It's a good thing the menu is packed with hearty, stick-to-your-ribs-eh? food, such as a croque madame with "Montreal smoked meat," which tastes like a lush, spicy pastrami, and "poutine, but with an egg" to soak up the gravy. There's even a "full Canadian" breakfast that swaps England's rashers for Canadian bacon.

Now, the fine print: Individual cocktails are $14 to $16, so the super-bottomless option makes sense only if you're having at least three drinks or want two cocktails in addition to bottomless mimosas. But the laid-back vibe, with swirling disco lights and a DJ spinning on Saturday afternoons, definitely encourages you to stick around and have another one.

Best for brunch haters

The Runaway, *3523 12th St. NE. therunawaydc.com.*

When: Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What's bottomless: $19 for bloody marys, micheladas, mimosas, bellinis, Brew-drivers and Narragansett for two hours.

What to eat: The Lita Ford (bacon or maple sausage with egg, brie, avocado and arugula on an everything bagel); the spicy fried chicken, egg and bacon on a biscuit; any of the house burgers.

The scene: So you've got a group going out to brunch, but one person is a little reluctant because they're "not a brunch person." (Honestly, who doesn't like sandwiches dripping with runny egg, or sparkling, fruity breakfast cocktails?) But okay, fine, maybe stereotypical brunch dishes and froo-froo prosecco drinks aren't for everyone. That's not a problem at the Runaway, Brookland's rocking temple of the Church of Joan Jett, which is best known as a music venue but opens its doors early on weekends. While the brunch entrees are a solid choice — especially the Lita Ford sandwich — the house burgers are also available, including fun combos such as A Pinch of Rock and a Dose of Roll, named after a song on the Runaways' debut album, that includes both bacon and chicken fried bacon as well as pickles, cheese and jalapeño slaw. There's even a spinach salad if you *insist* on something green. Those who eschew brunch drinks can opt for Narragansett beer or the Brew-driver, a screwdriver made with beer instead of sparkling wine. Grab a table on the bar's sun-dappled back deck (umbrellas optional) and you've got a gathering spot everyone can agree on.

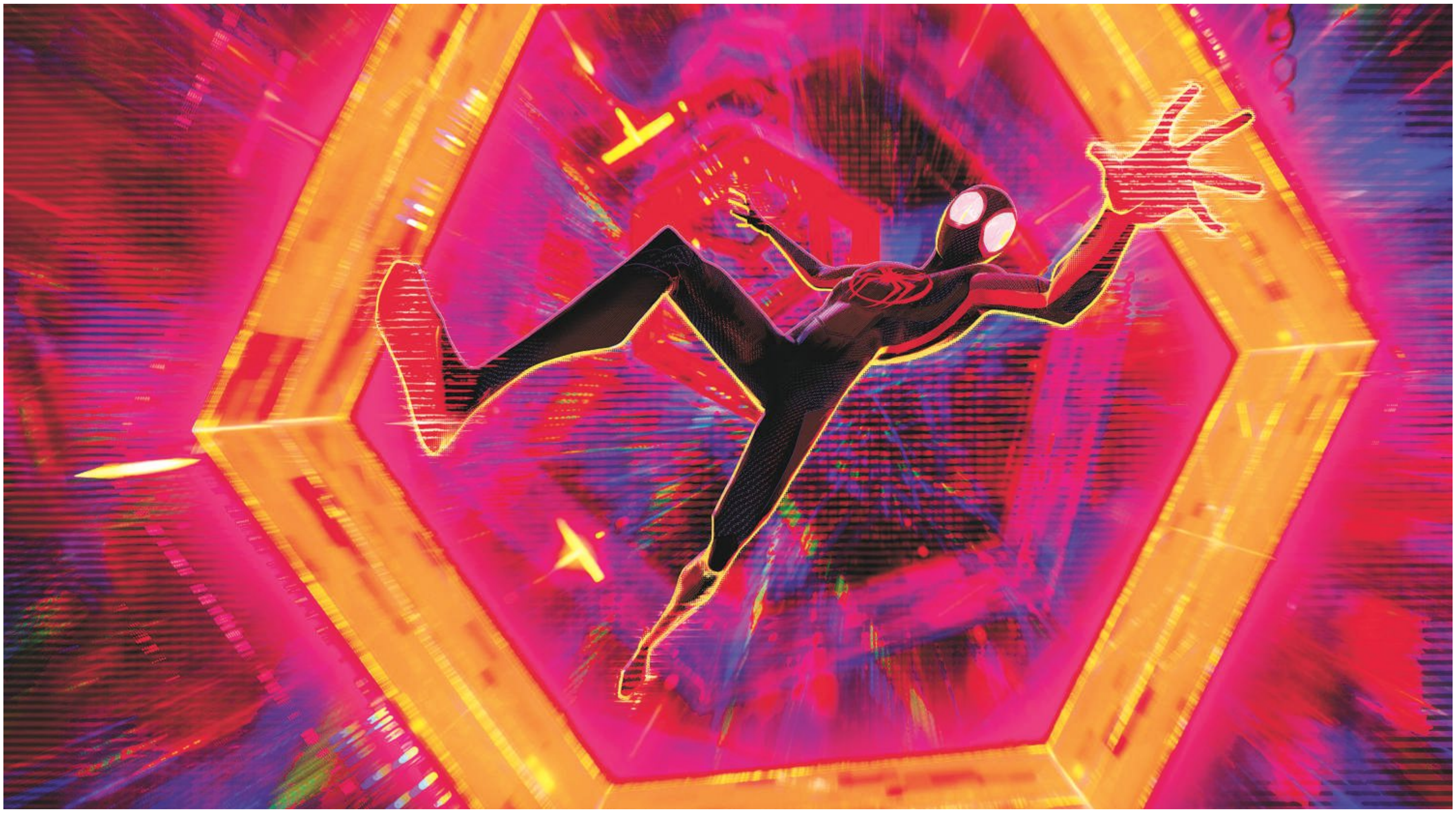




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LEFT: A bartender pours a margarita pitcher at Mission. RIGHT: Friends celebrate the birthday of Brian Lenert, center left, at the Navy Yard restaurant. Mission has eight event spaces available to rent, making it especially good for large groups.

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse ★★★☆



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It's a lot of movie, but it sure is gorgeous

Spider folks go back to the multiverse in stuffed but attractive sequel

By Ann Hornaday

Say this much for "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse": It's a lot of movie. When "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" opened in 2018, it felt like a bolt of something genuinely new, its dazzling animation breathing new life into a mini Marvel franchise that was verging on exhaustion and its protagonist, a Brooklyn teenager named Miles Morales (voice of Shameik Moore), taking suave ownership of the iconic title character for a new generation.

As in all things Marvel, a terrific movie cannot be allowed to remain a terrific movie: It must be sequelized, blown up, padded out and lengthened to create way too much of a good thing. In the case of "Across the Spider-Verse," that means a movie that is an immersive, mesmerizing delight to watch while being something of a chore to sit through.

At 2 hours and 20 minutes, this crammed, crazed, visually stunning bricolage of a film marks yet another entry into the Movies Are Too Damn Long sweepstakes. For Spider-Man aficionados primed to appreciate the rapid-fire barrage of inside jokes and Easter eggs, "Across the Spider-Verse" would be a trippy, fan-friendly pleasure at any running time. Others along for the ride are encouraged to stop trying to follow an alternately chaotic and trite narrative (there's that pesky multiverse again!) and bathe in images that shimmer, pop, glitch and mutate with mind-bending imagination and speed.

You're going to ask me what "Across the Spider-Verse" is about, aren't you? Here goes: A year after the events of "Into the Spider-Verse," Miles, now 15, is going to high school and missing his friends Peter Parker and Gwen Stacy while suffering the usual pangs of adolescent rebellion and anxiety over soon separating from his warm and understanding parents, Rio (Luna Lauren Velez) and Jeff (Brian Tyree Henry). Oh, and he is busy saving the world as the movie opens from a new supervillain called the Spot, who insists that he is Spidey's new nemesis.

This setup transpires after another setup: a borderline incoherent prologue during which Gwen (Hailee Steinfeld) does *her* thing as Spider-Woman, doing battle with a drawing from Renaissance Italy in the Guggenheim. ("Yeah, I think it's a Banksy," a nonchalant museum-goer remarks while overlooking the carnage.) Gwen, looking edgy in a pink-tinged undercut and punk-rock scowl, is going through her own struggles with Dad — her father, like Jeff, is a police officer — so is ripe for recruitment when a mysterious group of Spidery superheroes invite her to join their elite strike force. For the next couple of hours and through various portals, alter egos and parallel dimensions, Gwen and Miles travel through multiple universes to try to right wrongs, fend off cosmic collapse and heal personal wounds.

At least, I think that's what they're doing? Directed by Joaquim Dos Santos, Kemp Powers and Justin K. Thompson from a script by Phil Lord, Christopher Miller and Dave Callahan, "Across the Spider-Verse" is a frenetic, world-hopping carnival ride of a film, its word-happy dialogue and constantly expanding cast of characters leaving garden-variety viewers in the dust of dazed confusion. And, as is now required of every Marvel movie, "Across the Spider-Verse" is nothing if not self-referential: Callbacks and clever, audience-pleasing cameos are rife in a film that makes snarky fun of canon worship even as it practices it at nearly every turn.

For non-Marvelites, it all feels a bit desperate, the self-congratulation going from winkingly playful to unbecoming. Miles and Gwen are still thoroughly appealing as protagonists, as Moore delivers a particularly nuanced performance as a conflicted teenager bristling with equal parts insecurity and anger, and we're introduced to some equally promising new characters, voiced by Issa Rae, Daniel Kaluuya, Karan Soni and Amandla Stenberg. Their performances, married to reality-adjacent rendering on-screen, make for characterizations that are more fully rounded than in most live-action movies.

Shameik Moore is the voice of Miles Morales in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse." He delivers a nuanced performance as a conflicted teenager bristling with equal parts insecurity and anger as Miles battles a new supervillain and links back up with Gwen Stacy.

Still, for all of "Across the Spider-Verse's" disorienting action and cut-happy editing, it remains stubbornly inert and, considering the real-life humans behind the animated avatars, strangely uninvolving. The real draw here is, well, the drawing: a visual language that explodes with expressiveness and imagination, taking gloriously full advantage of every palette, mode and mash-up at its

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Reality ★★★★



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Both stranger and sadder than fiction

Spellbinding docudrama tells the layered story of a real NSA whistleblower

BY ANN HORNADAY

The genius of "Reality," Tina Satter's flawlessly calibrated thriller based on her 2019 play "Is This a Room," lies in its utter banality: Set mostly in a featureless one-story home in Augusta, Ga., on a stifling hot day in June 2017, this tense, mesmerizingly paced drama unfolds with a steady drip of mundane moments that gather walloping force as the minutes tick by.

The Reality of the title is Reality Winner, a National Security Agency contractor who leaked a document regarding Russian hackers seeking to interfere in the 2016 presidential election and was subsequently sentenced to five years in federal prison, the longest sentence ever imposed for that crime. Few Americans probably remember Winner's case, which in this case is an advantage, better allowing Satter and her star — a revelatory Sydney Sweeney — to work their tautly coiled craftsmanship.

Winner is just getting home from running errands when she's approached by two FBI agents (Josh Hamilton and Marchánt Davis), who meet her in the driveway and almost immediately begin asking whether there are any animals in the house. Reality's dog and cat become absurdly comic supporting players in a Kafkaesque chamber piece whose dialogue is taken entirely from transcripts of the ensuing interrogation. Winner — small, blond, a specialist in Dari and Pashto who teaches yoga and owns a pink AR-15, among other firearms — is a bundle of fascinating contradictions: She's comfortable talking nat-sec shop with the guys and is nothing if not cooperative as more agents gather to search her home, with Hamilton's special agent Garrick sequestering her in a storeroom to carry out most of his questioning.



ABOVE: Sydney Sweeney is revelatory in "Reality" as Reality Winner, a National Security Agency contractor who leaked a document about Russian hackers seeking to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. LEFT: Marchánt Davis, left, and Josh Hamilton play FBI agents.

Satter's original title was taken from a brief — and surreal — interruption in Winner's interrogation; "Reality" is more literal — with its close-ups and wider visual range, the movie becomes an even more compelling portrait of an already compelling subject — and also more layered, as Winner's story and demeanor morph from wide-eyed naiveté to something more ambiguous. Sweeney, best known for playing cynical Gen-Zers in series like "The White Lotus" and "Euphoria," delivers a powerhouse performance, stripping every trace of Hollywood glamour to play a 25-year-old Air Force veteran who's both incredibly strong and breathtakingly vulnerable.

Satter, who makes her filmmaking debut here, brilliantly deploys cinematic technique to deepen and animate what might easily have been a static tableau of talking heads, intercutting real-life tape and introducing moments of static to stand in for redactions in the official record. One of those elisions is the name of the online outlet to which Winner sent the incriminating article. When she says the name out loud, it plays like a whopper of a reveal. As in the recent films "I Carry You With Me" and "You Resemble Me," Satter melds fact and fiction with meticulous and ultimately stunning results. As a spellbinding example of a new form of docudrama, "Reality" is the kind of movie that demonstrates what cinema can do in the hands of true artists: maybe not change the world, but widen and deepen our understanding of it. "Reality" isn't just stranger than fiction: It's subtler, sadder and exponentially more haunting.

TV-MA. Available on Max. Contains some mature thematic elements. 83 minutes.

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Masterpiece
★★★★

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★★★☆

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The Boogeyman ★★½☆☆

Overly literal (but plentiful) scares meet frightfully bad decisions

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

There's good news and bad news about "The Boogeyman," the scary new movie based on a short story by Stephen King about — well, the title says it all. First the good news: You will sit on the edge of your seat for much of this movie, and jump out of your skin periodically, especially if you can still remember being afraid to go to sleep because of the monster that lived in the closet, the thing under the bed, the shadow cast on the wall by the Yeti-like hominid lurking just outside your bedroom window, plucking leaves off a tree and eating them.

No? That last one is just me?

Whatever creature your childhood fear of the dark may have harbored, it comes to ghoulish life in the kind of creepy, half-glimpsed verisimilitude that fevers the imagination here — at least for most of the movie, which is largely set in the under-lit hallways and corners common to this genre of film: a world of dim, flickering or malfunctioning electrical fixtures.

Which beings me to the bad news. "The Boogeyman," based on a story from the horror maestro's 1978 anthology "Night Shift," is also haunted by some pretty tired tropes, starting with this one: When Will Harper (Chris Messina), a therapist still mourning the accidental death of his wife, invites a deeply disturbed, possibly suicidal man named Lester (David Dastmalchian) into his home office for a new consultation, the prospective patient ends up leaving something behind in the house while Will has stepped away to call the cops. It's precipitated by more than just Lester's act of violence — bad real estate juju by any measure — but also accompanied by something far more solid: a supernatural entity that preys on the grieving and hides in the dark.



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Vivien Lyra Blair stars in "The Boogeyman," about a supernatural entity that preys on the grieving and hides in the dark — and that takes up residence in the home of a therapist and his daughters.

Needless to say, this early turn of events freaks out not just Will, but his two daughters: teenager Sadie (Sophie Thatcher) and her little sister Sawyer (Vivien Lyra Blair). And what do they do? Check into a hotel until they can put the house on the market?

No. They waltz right back home, turn the dimmer switches down to low, and settle in for another hour and a half of paroxysms of horrified delight. This is an especially bad idea given that Sawyer is already prone to night terrors.

Okay, so none of this is really "news" at all. Very few movies of this ilk have the honesty to confront the illogic of their characters' decisions, barring such worn-out meta-horror as the Scream franchise. What is director Rob Savage to do, working from a screenplay by Scott Beck, Bryan Woods and Mark Heyman? Logic would dictate that the film turn into the world's shortest feature film ever, one that ends abruptly after 10 minutes with an on-screen title reading, "And that's why we moved to Florida.

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Sanctuary ★½☆☆☆

You'll want a safe word to escape this screwball rom-com thriller

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

In "Sanctuary," all is never quite what it seems. This is clear from the first minutes of this playful and play-like (often too much of both) two-hander, which takes place almost entirely within the confines of a hotel room shared by a man named Hal (Christopher Abbott) and a woman named Rebecca (Margaret Qualley). They aren't *together* together: He is not just the occupant of the room but the owner of the hotel itself, and she has just arrived to interview him to determine his suitability for the job of running his wealthy family's chain of boutique inns, in the wake of the death of the company's founder, Hal's father.

But something isn't quite right. Is it Qualley's prim, blond business bob, which looks like a wig, or Rebecca's strange line of questioning, offered with a mix of inappropriate intimacy and uncalled-for aggression that doesn't sound like something her attorney character would pursue? Gradually, it becomes apparent that Rebecca is a dominatrix, and not just for the night: Hal is her longtime client — they actually have a relationship, it seems, one that straddles the professional and the personal — even though Hal intends to sever ties with her coldly, forcing her into an early retirement with the presentation of an obscenely expensive, yet bizarrely ill-suited gift: a watch.

That is not the oddest thing in this odd little film by Zachary Wigon, working from a too-clever-by-half screenplay by Micah Bloomberg ("Creative Control").



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Margaret Qualley, right, and Christopher Abbott as a dominatrix and her client in "Sanctuary," a two-hander set in a hotel room.

Over the course of an evening, Hal and Rebecca maneuver and spar — verbally and physically — over his decision to fire her and her reluctance to accept the dismissal. There is sex, in a manner of speaking, involving Hal cleaning what already appears to be an immaculately clean bathroom floor, in his underwear, with a toothbrush, but there is nothing hot about it. (Rebecca remains nearby, without ever touching Hal. It's the mental stimulation he needs, according to her, not physical.)

Eventually, it also becomes clear — thanks mostly to Rebecca, who is more like a therapist than a mistress of the dark — that Hal doesn't really want the job, and that Rebecca kind of does.

She at least is better suited to it, although what that says about corporate life, I'm not going to speculate on.

There are elements of the screwball rom-com here, but "Sanctuary," whose title refers to Hal's safe word — he will eventually need one — is neither romantic, funny nor screwy (except in the other way). The film also has the air of a thriller, without being especially thrilling or suspenseful. It's a chamber piece, a theatrical hothouse, as faux as phony can be.

I will say that the cozy ending, in which carefully constructed facades come crashing to the floor — with the thud of more, not less, artifice — came as a surprise, as it may to you, based on everything that precedes it. "Tell the truth," Hal pleads to Rebecca at one point. "Lying is so tiresome."

And maybe that's the problem here. Although the performances are strong and committed — especially Qualley's — the movie is little more than a conversation between two people who are constantly, maybe even constitutionally, full of it. For that reason, when they finally cut the baloney, trying to make us believe that they've gone straight at last, it is hard, nay impossible, to buy it.

R. At area theaters. Contains sexual situations and coarse language. 96 minutes.

Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman ★★☆☆

Murakami-inspired animated film falls flat (except for the cats)

BY PAT PADUA



ZEITGEIST FILMS

"Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman," an animated film adapted from short stories by Haruki Murakami, includes an anthropomorphic frog, as well as cats rendered using a motion-capture process.

The best part about "Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman," an animated feature adapted from a handful of short stories by Haruki Murakami, is the cats. Rendered using a motion-capture process, the felines are realistically playful — or menacing, when called for. Unfortunately, the strange world of this film by writer-director Pierre Földes (which includes an anthropomorphic talking frog) is also populated by people. And these people are unappealing grotesques who don't particularly suit the Japanese author's deadpan tone.

The episodic film's intertwining and only loosely related narratives are, for the most part, mundane, taking place shortly after a 2011 earthquake that has rocked Tokyo. Two characters appear throughout, both unsatisfied employees of the same bank: Komura (voice of Ryan Bommarito) is distracted at the office after his wife, obsessed with TV coverage of the devastation, abruptly leaves him and her pet cat that has gone missing. Meanwhile, the debt collector Katagiri (Marcelo Arroyo) is caught up in something more fantastic: He's visited by the aforementioned frog, a mysterious creature that is convinced the middle-aged office worker is the only person who can save Tokyo from a tsunami.

It's an intriguing concept, familiar to anyone who knows Murakami's work. But the character design devised by Földes (who also composed the film's self-consciously quirky score and even voiced the frog) is too often distracting, with oddly shaped heads, as if in a painting by German artist Otto Dix. The look suits Katagiri — you wouldn't expect someone who talks to frogs to look ordinary — but when it comes to the domestic crises that dominate the film, the distorted features get in the way of quiet drama.

What's more, Földes overloads the narrative by shoehorning half a dozen or so short stories into the plot. The most successful adaptations of Murakami — Lee Chang-dong's "Burning" and Ryusuke Hamaguchi's Oscar-winning "Drive My Car" — take a single story and expand its world. Yet the six sprawling chapters of "Blind Willow" don't linger long enough in the mind to establish that elusive Murakami touch for more than a few minutes at a time.

Nevertheless, the film manages to work, if only in fits and starts, when the setting is intimate enough that the aesthetics don't get in the way. There are brief moments when Földes and his voice cast capture Murakami's essence, conveying a deceptively calm exterior that hides startling and sometimes absurd forces beneath.

Most curiously, Földes initially intended "Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman" to be a hybrid of live action and animation. Somehow, for all the work that went into the film, it comes across as something that may have worked better as an audiobook. There are sequences of efficient dialogue that — if you close your eyes — unspool the kind of low-key, elliptical tension that Murakami seems to be able to pull off in his sleep. But as soon as you open them again, the aggressively odd visuals ruin the illusion.

Except for the cats.

Unrated. At the AFI Silver. Contains sexual situations, nudity and violent imagery. 110 minutes.



PATTI PERRET/20TH CENTURY STUDIOS

David Dastmalchian plays a disturbed man who leaves behind an evil entity in "The Boogeyman," based on a Stephen King story.

BOOGEYMAN FROM 18

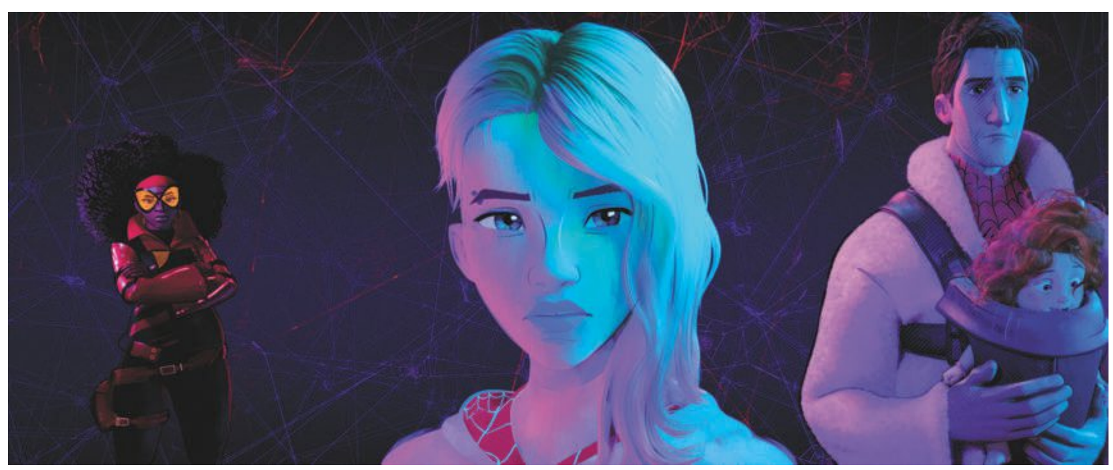
The End."

So I'll cut this film some slack, even though the plot entails one bad decision after another, culminating in Sadie visiting the home of Lester's wife, Rita (Marin Ireland) — a house of horrors that no sane person would enter.

All that said, "The Boogeyman" is still rather effective at what it sets out to do, probably due in large part to the contributions of Beck and Woods, the writing/producing duo behind the 2018 hit "A Quiet Place." On one level, it can be read as a metaphor for grief, kind of like "The Babadook," which covered the same ground, albeit to greater effect.

But by choosing literalness over ambiguity, "The Boogeyman" doesn't quite stick the landing like that richly allusive 2014 Australian film did. This boogeyman bleeds, Rita notes, and therefore it can be hurt. And therein lies "The Boogeyman's" problem: It's a movie about killing the thing that plagues you, instead of learning how to live with it.

PG-13. At area theaters. Contains terror, violence, teen drug use and some strong language. 98 minutes.



COLUMBIA PICTURES/SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

From left, Jessica Drew (voice of Issa Rae), Gwen Stacy (Hailee Steinfeld) and Peter Parker (Jake Johnson) with his daughter Mayday in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse."

SPIDER-VERSE FROM 16

disposal. From lyrical, sunset-toned washes of lavenders, pinks and oranges to pen-and-ink chiaroscuro, vintage Ben-Day dots and Legos to nods toward F.W. Murnau and Jeff Koons, and Ab Ex newsprint collage to computer games, "Across the Spider-Verse" provides a whirligig tour, not just through comic book history but through Art with a capital A: It's an extravagant, very cool love letter to graphic design, executed with superb draftsmanship and giddy, infectious joy.

It's just this impressive amalgamation of realism and stylization that allows "Across the Spider-Verse" to transcend its narrative shortcomings: Even at its most obscure or muddled, it's never less than a pleasure to watch. By the time it reaches its cacophonous, absurdly overdetermined climax, ending in the tantalizing promise of a next installment, it will barely matter if you have no idea what's happening or why. You'll want to stay in this world forever.

PG. At area theaters. Contains sequences of animated action violence, some strong language and mature thematic elements. 140 minutes.

New movies and shows to stream online

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ABOVE: Keanu Reeves, left, in "John Wick: Chapter 4." LEFT: Trinity the Tuck, David Burtka, Neil Patrick Harris, Bianca Del Rio, Haneefah Wood and BeBe Zahara Benet in the unscripted series "Drag Me to Dinner."

John Wick: Chapter 4

Keanu Reeves returns to the title role of a supremely lethal fugitive assassin in this fourth installment of the masterfully choreographed, vibrantly violent action franchise, which may be the best film in the series. At nearly three hours long, it's the most John Wick-ian of all the John Wick films, by virtue of the simple fact that there is more time to lavish on the films' fans exactly what they want, in spectacular fashion. *R.*

Where to watch: Apple TV Plus, Google Play, Prime Video, YouTube

I Think You Should Leave With Tim Robinson, Season 3

The show that launched a thousand memes has returned for another season in all its hot-dog-suit glory. Former "Saturday Night Live" writer Tim Robinson brings his unique flair to this absurdist sketch comedy spectacular. Here's hoping for a Dan Flashes sketch sequel about face masks with complicated patterns. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Netflix

Drag Me to Dinner

In this unscripted series celebrating the art of the dinner party, each episode features two teams of famous drag queens competing to throw the most memorable dinner party, which is judged by Neil Patrick Harris ("How I Met Your Mother"), David Burtka, drag superstar Bianca Del Rio and Haneefah Wood ("Hello Tomorrow!"). Comedian Murray Hill hosts. *Unrated.*

Where to watch: Hulu

Shooting Stars

Marquis "Mookie" Cook, one of the most sought-after high school basketball players in the country, portrays a young LeBron James in this feature sports biopic about James and his high school teammates, based on the book "Shooting Stars" by James and Buzz Bissinger, author of "Friday Night Lights." *PG-13.*

Where to watch: Peacock

iCarly, Season 3

The reboot of the zany and beloved Nickelodeon show revolving around a teen girl whose internet show becomes a sensation returns for its third streaming season. The original cast, sans Jennette McCurdy, tackles the challenges of adulthood and packs on the nostalgia. *TV-PG.*

Where to watch: Paramount Plus

The Idol

From the controversial minds of Abel Tesfaye (a.k.a. the Weeknd), Reza Fahim and Sam Levinson comes a miniseries starring Lily-Rose Depp that explores the highs and lows of being a pop star. Depp stars as the amalgamation of your favorite pop idols, fresh off a career-derailing breakdown that finds her in the arms of a nightclub stakeholder (Tesfaye) with a shady past. *TV-MA.*

Where to watch: Max



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ABOVE: Lily-Rose Depp, left, and Abel "the Weeknd" Tesfaye in "The Idol," about being a pop star. LEFT: Mookie Cook, left, as LeBron James and Caleb McLaughlin as Lil Dru Joyce III in "Shooting Stars."

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Arin (voice of Deven Mack), left, and Ras (Brian Drummond) in the animated action-adventure series "Lego Ninjago: Dragons Rising."

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)

Age 9+

Spidey sequel is an action-packed delight; peril, violence.

"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" is the highly anticipated sequel to 2018's excellent "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." A year after the events of the first film, both Miles Morales (voice of Shameik Moore) and Gwen Stacy (Hailee Steinfeld) — who are co-main characters this time around — are dealing with threats in their parts of the Spider-Verse. When a "villain of the week" decides to strengthen his power, Gwen and an elite team of Spideys try to step in, and Miles unintentionally causes a multiverse catastrophe. Expect fairly intense peril and violence: fights, large-scale destruction, explosions, weapons and more. But there's also a lot of humor, plus references to various other Spider-Man iterations. Language includes "crap," "shoot" and "a--," and Miles and Gwen's slow-burn romance is more about longing and lingering looks than action. The diverse cast includes prominent Afro-Latino, Black and White characters, and the movie's messages focus on empathy, courage, perseverance, teamwork, and (of course!) the nature of power and responsibility. (140 minutes)

The Boogeyman (PG-13)

Age 14+

Monster movie has decent scares, sympathetic characters.

"The Boogeyman" is a horror movie based on Stephen King's classic short story about a darkness-lurking creature that preys on a family grieving the loss of a parent/partner. Violence includes children in peril, monster attacks (a child is thrown across a room), shotgun blasts, a teen's head getting slammed against a wall, a small blood spatter, a pool of blood (that turns out to be paint), a dead body (very brief), a death by suicide, jump-scares, scary noises, bullying, vandalism, a house on fire and more. Teens smoke pot in one sequence, though it isn't glamorized. "F---" is used once, "s---" and "b----" are used sporadically, and there are uses of "goddamn," "Jesus," "screw," "jerk," "popping your cherry" and "fart." The movie's beats are a bit familiar, but director Rob Savage still manages a potent emotional core and some good scares. (98 minutes)

Dino Pops (TV-Y)

STREAMING

Age 3+

Dino-mite series shares prehistoric facts in a fun way.

"Dino Pops" is a funny, educational, animated series for young viewers. The show transports kids back millions of years to prehistoric periods when dinosaurs roamed the planet. Themes include curiosity about dinosaurs and prehistoric time periods, appreciation for nature, and incorporating fun into learning. Available in both English and Spanish, each 19-minute episode jumps to a different prehistoric era and shares facts about various dinosaurs, such as size, speed and what they ate. Dinosaurs are seen battling each other and hunting, but there's no serious threat or violence. (Six 19-minute episodes)

Available on Peacock.

Lego Ninjago: Dragons Rising (TV-Y7)

STREAMING

Age 7+

Fun action/adventure series has some fantasy violence.

"Lego Ninjago: Dragons Rising" is a lively animated action-adventure series that's part of the expansive Lego franchise. Here, the land of Ninjago has been devastated by something called the Merge. The family of the main character, Arin (voice of Deven Mack) — and all the elemental ninjas he idolized — disappeared in the event, but he's learning to make his own way in his new life along with best friend Sora (Sabrina Pitre). This action-packed show has lots of fantasy violence, including swordlike weapons, guns that shoot lasers and battles between spaceships. There's some peril as well, but the heroes always come out on top. Mild language includes "dang it." Teamwork and perseverance are big themes, and the friendship between Arin and Sora is fun to watch. (10 22-minute episodes)

Available on Netflix.

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Marin Ireland in "The Boogeyman," a horror movie based on a short story from Stephen King's 1978 anthology "Night Shift."



COLUMBIA PICTURES/SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

Spider-Man/Miles Morales (voice of Shameik Moore) in "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse," the highly anticipated and action-packed sequel to 2018's excellent "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse."

MOVIE DIRECTORY

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AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.
Fast X (PG-13) CC:12:35-4:05-7:05-10:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC:12:25-7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC:12:10-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC:12:25-3:30-6:35-9:40
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC:12:30-2:55-5:20-7:40-10:55
Sanctuary (R) CC:1:10-3:35-6:00-8:25-10:50
Kandahar (R) CC:2:20-7:25
About My Father (PG-13) CC:12:00-5:05
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:1:05-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:00-10:45
The Machine (R) CC:2:25-5:10-7:50-10:35
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC:3:45-10:25
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:12:00-6:00-9:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:2:15-8:25
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00-10:00
About My Father (PG-13) OC:10:10
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:5:20

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 11:30-3:15; 7:00-10:45
The Little Mermaid (PG) 8:15
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 5:45; 9:30

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
The Little Mermaid (PG) 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:6:00; 12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-7:00-9:00

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 1:20-2:10-4:10-5:00-7:00-8:00-9:15-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:10-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 1:30-2:00-3:40-4:20-6:30-7:20-9:40
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 1:10-4:50-7:30-10:10

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 12:00-1:00-4:00-5:30-6:30-7:00-8:25-9:25-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:45-3:50-7:15-9:45
Beau Is Afraid (R) 2:00
Joyland 12:30-3:15-7:30-10:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 12:00-2:00-4:00-7:45-10:15
Sanctuary (R) 1:30-7:15-9:35
BlackBerry (R) 12:45-3:35-7:25-10:00
Master Gardener (R) 11:45AM
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 3:00
Sanctuary (R) 3:45

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street NW
Fast X (PG-13) 11:40-3:10-6:40-10:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
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AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
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The Letter (1940) (NR) 5:00
Joyland 11:20-4:10-9:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 11:30-1:30-3:30-5:35-7:35-9:35
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The Roaring Twenties (1939) (NR) 12:30
The Sea Wolf (1941) (PG-13) 2:50

AMC Academy 8
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The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:2:00-4:45-7:50-10:30

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
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The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:9:45-12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15-11:20
The Machine (R) CC:11:20-2:00-4:50-7:40-10:30
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:11:00-2:10-5:25-8:30
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:30-4:00

AMC Center Park 8
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The Little Mermaid (PG) 1:00

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Kandahar (R) 11:00-4:30-7:30-10:30

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Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC:12:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC:12:20-2:55-5:40-7:40-10:25
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The Little Mermaid (PG) 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 11:00-11:40-2:15-2:55-5:00-5:30-6:10-8:15-8:45-9:25; 12:15-3:35-6:50-10:05; 10:30-1:45
The Machine (R) 10:50-1:40-4:35-7:25-10:25
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:35-10:10-12:05-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 9:40AM
Kandahar (R) 7:10-10:10
About My Father (PG-13) 10:55-2:10-4:45-7:15
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:45-1:05-2:20-3:40-4:55-6:15-7:30-10:05

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Fast X (PG-13) 12:20-4:00-7:40
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:20-11:40-1:00-2:20-3:20-4:40-6:00-7:00-8:20-9:40-10:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:00-3:40-8:00
About My Father (PG-13) 10:40-5:40
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 10:00-12:40-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Machine (R) 2:00-9:20
The Little Mermaid (PG) 10:00-11:00-1:20-2:40-5:00-6:20-8:40-10:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 12:15-1:00-3:15-4:00-5:00-6:15-7:00-8:00-9:15-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:45-3:45-6:45-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) 12:30-1:15-3:30-4:15-6:30-7:15-9:30
Chevalier (PG-13) 1:45-10:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 12:00-3:00-5:15-7:20-9:45
Sanctuary (R) 2:15-4:45-7:30-9:50

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Fast X (PG-13) 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:50-3:55-7:30-9:20
The Little Mermaid (PG) 12:40-1:15-2:15-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:15-7:15-8:15-9:15
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 12:45-5:00-7:05-10:00
The Machine (R) 12:50

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 5:15-7:30
L'immensità 5:00
The Starling Girl (R) 7:15

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 11:00-12:00-2:00-3:00-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:00-12:00-1:00-1:30-3:30-4:30-5:00-7:00-8:00-8:30-10:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:20-9:50

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Fast X (PG-13) 12:50-4:30-7:50
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:4:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:30-3:10-7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:55-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:10
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:05-12:20-2:10-3:40-4:20-5:15-6:50-8:20-10:00-10:50-11:25
Kandahar (R) 10:50AM
About My Father (PG-13) 11:20-1:50-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 12:30-3:00-5:40-8:30
The Machine (R) 6:40-9:30
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 1:15-7:40
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Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:30-11:00-12:10-1:00-1:40-2:30-3:20-5:00-5:50-7:20-8:10-9:20-10:30

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Fast X (PG-13) 11:30-3:00-6:40-10:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 8:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 11:00-12:00-12:30-1:00-2:30-3:30-4:00-4:30-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:00-9:20-10:20
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About My Father (PG-13) 12:20-3:40-6:20-9:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
The Machine (R) 3:50-6:50
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 2:20-7:10

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 11:00-12:00-1:00-2:30-3:30-4:30-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:30-10:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:15-1:50-4:40-7:20-10:10

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Ave
Fast X (PG-13) 10:25-1:40-6:20-9:40
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:40-11:10-12:10-12:00-2:00-2:30-3:20-4:00-5:20-6:00-6:40-8:40-9:30-10:00-10:40
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
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The Boogeyman (PG-13) 12:30-3:10-6:10-8:50
The Machine (R) 11:30-2:10-5:00-8:20
Shin Kamen Rider 7:00
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 3:40-10:10

Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Fast X (PG-13) 12:10-7:10
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:3:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:00-3:20-6:50-10:40
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Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:40-3:20-6:50-10:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-9:50
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:20-12:20-2:40-3:40-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:20-9:20-10:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
Kandahar (R) 11:50AM
About My Father (PG-13) 5:20-7:50
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:20-10:05
The Machine (R) 10:50-2:10-10:15
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 10:20-1:40
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:00-11:00-1:30-2:30-3:00-5:00-6:00-6:30-8:30-9:30-10:00

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Fast X (PG-13) 12:20-3:40-7:00-10:20
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:10-4:00-7:30-10:50
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Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Dr.
Fast X (PG-13) 10:20-12:40-1:50-4:05-5:30-7:20-9:00-10:40
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The Machine (R) 9:55
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) 10:10-1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Fast X (PG-13) 2:30-7:30-11:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) (!) 2:45-3:30-4:00-6:15-6:45-10:00-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:00-7:00-10:45
The Little Mermaid (PG) (!) 2:15-3:15-6:00-6:30-7:15-9:45-10:15-10:45
The Boogeyman (PG-13) (!) 4:30-7:30-10:30

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Fast X (PG-13) CC:1:20-4:30-7:40
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:12:10-1:10-3:20-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:40-10:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC:12:10-3:40-7:10-10:35
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:12:40-3:50-7:00-10:10
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC:12:45-6:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:12:20-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Machine (R) CC:3:10-8:20
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:11:50-3:00-6:10-9:15
Fast X (PG-13) 11:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:50

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:7:00; 12:00-2:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:12:45-1:00-3:15-3:45-4:00-4:10-6:30-7:10-7:30-9:45-10:15-10:45; 12:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) OC:2:30
Fast X (PG-13) CC:11:15-2:45-6:00-9:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC:11:00-2:45
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:11:45-3:00-6:15-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC:11:00-12:00-3:20-7:00-10:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC:11:15-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC:1:15-4:30-7:45-11:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC:11:30-5:10-7:30-10:00
Sanctuary (R) CC:12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
About My Father (PG-13) CC:7:10-9:30
Kandahar (R) CC:2:30-5:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:11:00-12:00-1:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00
The Machine (R) CC:11:00-1:45-4:30-6:30-9:15
Nefarious (R) CC:8:30-11:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC:2:45-9:15
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:11:00-11:30-2:00-5:10-6:10-8:15
The Roundup: No Way Out 7:00-9:45
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:11:00-12:30-1:45-2:00-3:45-5:00-5:45-8:15-9:00-10:15

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Fast X (PG-13) CC:12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC:12:45-4:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:10:00-1:15-4:30-7:45-11:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC:12:00-3:20-6:40-10:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC:11:45-2:15-4:45-7:10-9:45
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG) CC:12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00
You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC:3:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC:8:10-10:40
Kandahar (R) CC:3:00-9:20
About My Father (PG-13) CC:10:15-12:40-5:30-7:50-10:10
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:10:00-12:30-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Machine (R) CC:11:40-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC:4:10-7:30-11:00
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:11:30-2:45-6:00-9:15
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:10:30-12:50-3:15-4:00-5:00-7:15-8:15-9:45-10:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:11:15-12:00-12:45-3:15-4:00-5:45-6:30-7:20-9:00-9:45-10:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) OC:3:00
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:2:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) OC:1:45; 12:00-6:30
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 11:30-6:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Fast X (PG-13) CC:1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:12:40-1:30-3:50-4:40-7:00-7:50-10:10-11:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC:12:50-4:10-7:40-10:55
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:12:00-3:10-6:25-9:30

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) OC:11:00AM
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:11:45-12:45-1:45-3:00-4:00-4:55-6:15-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) OC:2:10
The Little Mermaid 3D (PG) CC:11:05-2:30-5:45-9:00
Fast X (PG-13) CC:12:15-3:30-6:45-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC:4:40-8:30
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You Hurt My Feelings (R) CC:11:10-5:15
Sanctuary (R) CC:12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:20
Kandahar (R) CC:4:20-7:20-10:25
About My Father (PG-13) CC:11:35-2:05
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:11:30-4:50-7:50-10:35
The Machine (R) CC:11:25-2:25-7:55-10:55
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC:2:00-9:40
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:12:30-2:15-3:45-5:30-7:00-8:45-10:15

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) CC:10:00-10:45-1:00-2:00-4:15-5:15-7:30-8:30-10:00
The Little Mermaid (PG) CC:12:45-4:00-7:00
The Boogeyman (PG-13) CC:11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 12:00-3:30; 7:00-10:30

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Fast X (PG-13) 10:20-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:30-12:30-3:45-7:10-10:15
The Little Mermaid (PG) 11:15-1:15-2:15-4:15-5:15-7:15-8:15-10:15
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 10:35-12:55-3:10-5:25-7:40-10:00
Sanctuary (R) 10:55-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:55
About My Father (PG-13) 10:30AM
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 10:45-12:45-2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00-10:00

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 1:00-2:10-4:10-5:20-7:20-8:30
The Boogeyman (PG-13) 2:20-5:00-7:40-10:20

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Somewhere in Queens (R) 12:10-2:40-7:10-9:20
It Ain't Over (PG) 9:55-12:20-2:20-4:40-7:00-9:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-4:55
You Hurt My Feelings (R) 10:05-12:15-2:25-5:00-7:30-9:30
Sanctuary (R) 9:45-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-9:40
BlackBerry (R) 9:45-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40
About My Father (PG-13) 10:00-12:00-2:00-4:00-6:00-8:00-9:50

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 9:10-12:30-4:00-6:40-10:30
The Little Mermaid (PG) 2:50
2018 (Malayalam) 8:05
Fast X (PG-13) 10:20-12:45-4:20-8:30-10:10
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke 9:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:15-12:35-3:05-5:35-7:30-10:00
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The Machine (R) 7:40
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The Boogeyman (PG-13) 9:55-11:30-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) XD:12:20-3:40-7:00-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:10-2:50-6:30-10:05
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:55-12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25

ALSO PLAYING

Star ratings are from Post reviews; go to *washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide/movies* for the full-length reviews. For showtimes and directories, see the Movie Directory.

★★½☆ ABOUT MY FATHER
Comedian Sebastian Maniscalco mines his relationship with his Sicilian-immigrant father for his feature film-writing debut. (PG-13, 89 minutes)

★★★☆ ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET
Writer-director Kelly Fremon Craig finds the humor in adolescence without mocking her heroine. (PG-13, 106 minutes)

★★☆☆ BEAU IS AFRAID
Ari Aster, the auteur behind "Hereditary" and "Midsommar," turns his attention to the horrors of the maternal relationship. (R, 179 minutes)

★★★☆ BLACKBERRY
This fact-based drama traces the history of the titular smartphone, once ubiquitous, now gone. (R, 124 minutes)

★★☆☆ BOOK CLUB: THE NEXT CHAPTER
Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton and Mary Steenburgen star in this sequel to 2018's giggly, featherweight mom-com. (PG-13, 107 minutes)

★★½☆ CHEVALIER
Biopic about the 18th-century mixed-race composer and musician Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, plays a little fast and loose with history. (PG-13, 107 minutes)

★★½☆ EVIL DEAD RISE
Formulaic installment in the horror franchise about parasitic demons has big shoes to fill but gets the job done. (R, 96 minutes)



DAN ANDERSON/LIONSGATE

Sebastian Maniscalco, left, and Robert De Niro in "About My Father," which Maniscalco also wrote.



DISNEY

Halle Bailey as Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," a live-action version of the 1989 animated classic.



JEONG PARK/A24 FILMS

Julia Louis-Dreyfus in "You Hurt My Feelings," the latest film from Nicole Holofcener.

★★☆☆ FAST X
Vin Diesel, returning as motorhead Dom Toretto, is at his Dommiest in this beginning of the end of the Fast & Furious saga. (PG-13, 141 minutes)

★★☆☆ GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3
The poignant origin story of Rocket Raccoon is a bittersweet nugget of storytelling, smothered in special-effects sauce. (PG-13, 150 minutes)

★★★☆ IT AIN'T OVER
Admiring documentary paints a surprising portrait of longtime New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra. (PG. 98 minutes)

★★★½ JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4
The fourth installment in the martial arts action franchise ups the ante, with stunning set pieces of fight choreography. (R, 169 minutes)

★★★½ JOYLAND
The theme of repression in a regimented society percolates throughout this melancholy and lovely Pakistani film. (Unrated, 127 minutes. In Urdu, Punjabi and some English with subtitles.)

★★☆☆ KANDAHAR
Gerard Butler plays a CIA contractor trapped in Afghanistan with his interpreter and hunted by bad guys. (R, 120 minutes)

★★★☆ THE LITTLE MERMAID
Halle Bailey makes this live-action version of the Disney classic her own, with confidence, charisma and oceans of charm. (PG, 130 minutes)

★★☆☆ MASTER GARDENER
Joel Edgerton plays another one of God's lonely men in filmmaker Paul Schrader's revisiting of a familiar trope, if not a return to form. (R, 110 minutes)

★★★☆ SOMEWHERE IN QUEENS
Ray Romano and Laurie Metcalf star in Romano's directorial debut: a father-and-son dramedy of aspiration and finding your own path. (R, 106 minutes)

★★★☆ THE STARLING GIRL
Eliza Scanlen brings strength, grace and sublime self-possession to the portrait of a teenage girl testing the limits of shame-based religion. (R, 116 minutes)

★★½☆ THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE
Video-game-inspired adventure is a colorful, creative story with more twists and turns than the plumbing under your sink. (PG, 92 minutes)

★★★★ YOU HURT MY FEELINGS
Nicole Holofcener's latest film zeroes in on the funny, mortifying and soaring in-between moments of being human. (R, 93 minutes)

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